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BIRTHS.

CRAWLEY—December 14, 1923, at Clarey House, Nurney, Kildare, to Deborah (nee Glynn), wife of George Crawley, a son.

McCOY—December 10, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCoy, Ballintealkin, Wicklow, a son (Robert Desmond).

WAKELY—December 16, 1923, at a Nursing Home, Camberley, the wife of Major Victor Wakely, M.C., R.E., a son.

MARRIAGES.

BRAYDEN and O'BRIEN—November 17, 1923, in Calcutta, Desmond A. Brayden, Indian Police, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brayden 28 Adelaide rd., Dublin, to Kathleen, youngest daughter of the late L. P. O'Brien, 22 Pembroke rd., and Mrs. O'Brien, Ardrigh, Greystones. (By cable.)

CODD and HUGHES—December 17, 1923, at St. Columba's Church, Drumcondra, Dublin, by the Very Rev. Francis Wall, P.P., John Francis Codd, youngest son of Patrick and Mrs. Codd, Wexford, to Gertrude, daughter of the late John and Mrs. Hughes, Claude rd., Drumcondra, Dublin.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

BURKE—December 19, 1923, at St. Gabriel's, N.C.R., Dublin, Very Rev. Joseph A. Canon Burke, P.P., aged 82. R.I.P. Requiem Office and High Mass at the Church of the Holy Family, Aughrim st., to-morrow (Friday), 21st, at 11 o'clock. His Grace the Archbishop will preside. Funeral to Glasnevin. No flowers.

CAMPBELL—December 18, 1923, at Victoria place, Athlone, Richard Campbell, aged 87 years. Funeral, 2 o'clock, to-day (Thursday) to Cornamagh.

CARSON—December 19, 1923, at a Private Nursing Home, Dublin, Giles, only son of the late W. Lambert Carson and Mrs. Carson, of Donover, Moynalty, Co. Meath, aged 31 years. Funeral arriving at Mount Jerome Cemetery 10.30 a.m. to-morrow (Friday).

HARDCASTLE—December 17, 1923, at Blaston Hall, Leicestershire, Emily Augusta Hardcastle, daughter of the Rev. John Purdon, of Tinerana, Co. Clare, and widow of the late Thomas Hardcastle, aged 76 years. Funeral Service and interment at Horninghold to-day (Thursday), the 20th, at 3 o'clock.

JUDGE—December 19, 1923, at Richmond Hospital, Dominick W. Judge, late of 3 Rostrevor ter., Clontarf. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral (private) from the Church of St. John the Baptist, Clontarf, to-morrow (Friday) morning at 10.50 for Kilbarrack. No flowers, Masses requested.

MAHON—December 17, 1923, at a Nursing Home in London, beloved and precious husband of Rose V. Mahon, Physician, of Burren House, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork, in his 62nd year. "Before the presence of His glory without blemish in exceeding joy." Jude xxiv.

MOORE—December 17, 1923, at Richview, Clonskeagh, Helen Cleland, wife of James Moore, M.A., Headmaster, Masonic Boys' School, and second daughter of the late Charles T. Haines, Esq. Funeral private. No flowers.

ROBERTSON—December 17, 1923, at his residence, 26 Gunterstone rd., Baronscourt, London, W.14, Henry Robertson, Secretary Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society, London, third son of the late Reverend Charles Robertson, of Dublin.

ROCHFORD—December 16, 1923, at 163 residence, Lucerne, Strand rd., Sandymount, John Rochford, K.S.G., aged 39 years. R.I.P. Funeral from the Church of the Star of the Sea, Sandymount, after 9 o'clock Mass, this (Thursday), morning, 20th December, to Glasnevin Cemetery.

TAYLOR—December 18, 1923, in Dublin, suddenly, Charles Irwin Taylor, R.I.P. Funeral arrangements later.

TIGHE—December 17, 1923, at 3 Clifton ice., Ranelagh rd., after a short illness, Mrs. Harriott Tighe, late of Ballywilliam, New Ross. "With the Lord, which is far better."

WARE—December 13, 1923, at his residence, 18 Victoria st., Norwich, after a short illness, Barry Richard, youngest son of the late H. Ware, D.L., R.I.C., and Mrs. Ware, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

WILKINSON—December 18, 1923, at Clancoole House, Bandon, Rev. John Wilkinson, M.A. Funeral private.

IN MEMORIAM.

DWYER—In proud and sincere memory of Seamus Dwyer, who was cruelly murdered at Rathbaines December 20, 1922. A loss, a Mhic na Maigdire Mhuire, déan trócaire ar a anam. Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul in the Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar, at 9 a.m. to-morrow (Friday), the 21st inst. Inserted by the Seumas Dwyer Memorial Committee.

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ELLIOTT—In fond and affectionate remembrance of George Elliott, J.P., who died at his residence, Arva, 20th December, 1916.

O'CONNOR—In loving memory of John Joseph Aloysius O'Connor, of 27 Haddon rd., Clontarf, who died on 20th December, 1919. R.I.P.

PASLEY—In loving memory of my dear father, Samuel Henry, who died December 20th, 1920.—Harry.

PIERCE—First Anniversary—In ever-loving memory of my dear wife, Ellen Jane, who passed away 20th December, 1922, at Grangue Beg, Clonamon, after a long illness, patiently borne.

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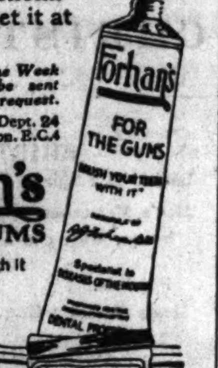

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WOMAN AND HER HOME.

More About Gloves.

WHEN I read a short while since a very interesting article on "Gloves" in the Women's corner of the *Irish Times*, I found myself wondering how many another woman's eyes beside mine had brightened on that magic word when they, too, had glanced at that page of the paper. For who knows better than a woman how we may redeem the shabbiness of our attire by just that one distinctive touch?

". . . . . and I did give each of them a pair of jesimy plain gloves and another of white." Well—always we have kept a tiny corner in our hearts (more than one of us) for Samuel Pepys, and now we are glad we did. Whatever his failings, he had a shrewd mind for feminine fineries—and a kindly one at that. And it is so rarely, as distinct by themselves, that gloves weave a spell on our memories. So often they conjure forth pictures of which they are but a detail, albeit one that lingers when other features, but for them, would have faded into more or less indistinctness.

That peculiar shade of a certain soft grey, exquisitely fitting, save at the graceful wrinkled wrists, that somehow we associate (we who remember) with the 'eighties; with that day we were taken to hear Patti, to see Mary Anderson; or to one of those show days at the long ago Grosvenor Gallery. A day, perhaps, when the whole world seemed just a soft blur of fragrant flowers and pretty women, with their dainty hands clothed alike in those magic memoried gloves. Then there are those others we always likewise remember; the long white gloves she wore at her first ball—the rosebud girl of the same far away 'eighties. Poet and painter have paid their due to this fascinating "gentilesse" of our attire.

How the eyes of memory linger on that little glove tossed gaily, despairingly, scornfully aside!

What story books they might write!

As I laid by Pepy's Diary the other night, the very word glove brought to my mind an old-fashioned drawing-room in a house overlooking the Green Park (later the home of a great-hearted Victorian lady) that to a tiny child seemed a room of dark, mysterious corners, and a glacier-like floor from which the lights from the glittering candelabra but revealed yet deeper shadows lit with stranger gleams—and two old men standing by a little cabinet, in which lay beside a tiny snuffbox, holding one lock of an Emperor's hair, a long glove slightly yellowed by age. Two men, one an old Greek scholar, whose affection for all things decayed with age, frail and yet lovely, made him love that tongue the best; the other the Greek Ambassador of those days.

"All the way from La Malmaison," the old scholar says to the tiny child standing by their side. A child who, but half comprehending, feels yet a thrill of sympathy for that feckless—somehow gay-hearted—thing shut up within a cabinet.

A child who in years to come would yet think with pity for that irony of fate that pursued one glove.

La Malmaison, where in the fountains goldfish flitted to and fro, where laughter once had rung—to the silence of that quiet room and to the voices speaking in the ancient Attic tongue.

D. H.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

VERY modern in style are some of the up-to-date ornaments for trimming the Christmas tree. Yet, these futuristic decorations that bespeak the latest eccentricity are offered us without arousing any answering thrill of enthusiasm, for in our innermost hearts we feel that in connection with this time-honoured festival it is the traditional ornaments that seem most fitting; and, if we introduce the fantastic, we shall but lose some of that fine savour that years of sentiment have built up around the Yuletide emblem.

So let us decorate our tree on those same simple lines that enchanted us when we, too, were in pigtails and "pinnies." Let us have a well-frosted tree that shall gleam and glitter as the lights shine upon it, giving to Father Christmas a-top the right snowy setting. A thin glue, lightly brushed over the leaves and then sprinkled with mica, will give the sparkle, and branches separately dipped into a strong solution of alum, and afterwards tied to the tree, will provide the snow-laden touch. Never use cotton wool on a tree to represent snow; it is extremely dangerous when the candles are lit.

A bottle of gold paint is an invaluable asset when the decoration of the tree is afoot. Far prettier than the usual bought ornaments are fir cones and walnuts, gaily painted and gilt, and hung to the branches among festooned ribbons of that coloured paper which is flung into the air on carnival occasions. Small "Christmas tree" candles, glittering balls, tinsel streamers, all kinds of little toys, fairy lanterns, and life-like robins ornament the snowy branches, while any bare spaces can be filled up with oranges and rosy apples, suspended by coloured ribbons. Small presents are usually wrapped in fancy paper and attached to the branches, the large ones being grouped around the base of the tree.

Although legend connects Father Christmas with a bevy of elves and gnomes, who aid him in the distribution of his gifts, these small people are, as a rule, woefully neglected in the Yuletide decorations. Far more appropriate to a Christmas tree than dolls or golly-wogs would be a number of small figures dressed in the traditional garb of brown, with hoods and wide collars of cherry red. To dress them in this guise necessitates less labour than that of fashioning dolls' garments, while the out-of-the-wayness of the little toys adds to the character of the tree's decoration.

MADELINE QUIN.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

ONCE again the Christmas card is with us! But what a difference from the old-time card, with its snow-covered churches, robin redbreasts, holly and mistletoe, and verses about "Christmas comes but once a year," etc. The modern card is as different from its ancient brethren as the stage coach from the aeroplane, the gas fire from the Yule log.

Manufacturers have most wisely decided that it is high time a new type of card was put upon the market. The original work of well-known artists and poets is now being used, and the cards are well worth framing. Of course, the price naturally is high—four, five and six shillings being asked for each card. A specially new departure is the card decorated with beaten metal-work, a most artistic production, resembling very fine gun-metal.

The first genuine Christmas card was sent in 1844 by a certain W. E. Dobson, R.A. He had a friend to whom he desired to show some special mark of appreciation. He made a sketch symbolising the spirit of the Christmas season and sent it to his friend. The sketch was done on a piece of bristol-board about twice the size of the modern letter-card; it showed a family group toasting absent friends amongst appropriate surroundings. From this small beginning the idea of the Christmas card developed.

During the early Victorian days Christmas cards were most elaborate affairs. Each one rested in its own box, with gaily decorated lid and thickly padded satin interior. The cards themselves aimed at sweetness and sentiment rather than smartness. Some displayed scenery, flowers or figures, lace edged and satin quilted; others when held up to the light showed glowing colours, while the type where by the pulling of a piece of ribbon a completely different scene was revealed was very popular with young folk.

In those days, when the sending and receiving of letters was still something of an event, the Christmas cards naturally received quite particular attention. They were not despatched to mere acquaintances, but only to very intimate friends and relations, and were carefully done up and heavily sealed. What a change our modern idea of the open envelope!

Since those Victorian days the Christmas card has certainly changed for the better. This season's cards, particularly, are beautifully artistic specimens of the publishers. Great originality is also being shown with calendars, each calendar being attached to some separate object of daily use, such as an ash tray, match-holder, etc.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACT, 1898. ELECTION OF ELECTIVE MEMBERS.

The Dublin Port and Docks Board hereby give Notice:—

1. That an Election of FOUR TRADERS' MEMBERS and THREE SHIPPING MEMBERS OF THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD will be held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on TUESDAY, the 8th day of JANUARY, 1924, at the PORT AND DOCKS OFFICES, 20 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN.

2. Each Candidate must be nominated by writing subscribed by two Electors as Proposer and Seconder, and the Nomination Paper must be duly signed by the Candidate, or some person duly authorised by him, in writing, for such purpose, as consenting to such Nomination.

3. The Nomination Paper must state the surname and other names of the Candidate, with his abode or place of business and description, and must specify whether the Candidate is proposed as a "TRADERS'" Member or as a "SHIPPING" Member, and the Nomination Paper may be in the following form or to the like effect:—

NOMINATION PAPER.
DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACT, 1898.
Election of Elective Members of the Board.
To be Held on
Tuesday, the 8th day of January 1924.

We, the undersigned, being respectively Electors, hereby nominate the following person as a Candidate:

Surname.	Other Names.	Abode or Place of Business.	Description.
Smith.	William Henry.	100 City quay.	Timber Merchant.

The above-named William Henry Smith is proposed as a* .... Member.
*(State whether Traders' Member or Shipping Member.)

Signature.	Number on Register of Electors.
Thomas Jones.	360
James Robinson.	790

I, the above-named William Henry Smith, hereby consent to my being nominated as a Candidate at the said Election.
Dated this day of , 19
*(Signed) WILLIAM HENRY SMITH.
*(Signature of Candidate or person duly authorised to sign the Nomination Paper on his behalf.)

4. Each Candidate must be nominated by a separate Nomination Paper, but the same Electors may subscribe as many Nomination Papers as there are vacancies to be filled, but no more.

5. Nomination Papers must be delivered by the Candidate himself or by his Proposer or Seconder to the Secretary of the Board, or to some person authorised to receive the same at the Office of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, before FOUR o'clock in the afternoon of SATURDAY, the 29th day of DECEMBER, 1923.

6. The Returning Officers will attend at the Office of the DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1923, for a sufficient time between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon to hear and decide objections to Nomination Papers.

7. Forms of Nomination Papers may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary of the Board, PORT AND DOCKS OFFICE, DUBLIN.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1923.
B. H. BAILEY, Secretary.

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FROM THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES—Thursday, Dec. 20th, 1923.

COURT OF APPEAL.—At 11.30 o'clock. Final Appeal—Workmen's Compensation Act—Lynch v. Griffin, Co. Court Judge of Limerick.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.—Chancery Division. Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. Before the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. In the Court of Appeal, at 11 o'clock. Motion—In the matter of an application under the Solicitors' (Ireland) Act, 1898. In Lunacy. Before the Registrar, at 11.30 o'clock—Adj. summons, Brown and M'Cann; do., J. Dixon; do., G.S. Before the Examiner, at 11.30 o'clock—Veh. ac., S. Gordon; do., J. Clarke. Lord Chief Justice's Chambers. Before the Chief Clerk, at 11.30 o'clock—Byrne, minors; Quirke, minors.

ROLLS COURT.—In Court No. 2. To be Mentioned—Northern Banking Co. v. Greene. For Hearing, Action—M'Caffrey v. Brady. Rolls Chambers (Room 39), at 11 o'clock—Byrne v. Furlong; R. J. Blake, decd., Glynn v. Blake; G. Bernard, decd., Toner v. Walker; Munster and Leinster Bank v. Mannix; Lenehan v. Vickers; C. Grace, decd., Grace v. Grace; Headford Co-op. Society, Ltd. Before the Assistant Chief Clerk (Room 69), at 11 o'clock—The Motor Hirage and Sales Co., Ltd.

CHANCERY JUDGE.—Before the Right Hon. the Master of the Rolls. In Court No. 2 (at the conclusion of the Rolls List). At Chambers—Co's Acts and Irish Co-op. Clothing Society. In Court Adjourned Summonses—Co's Act and J. H. Hunter and Co., Ltd., at hearing; same matter, at hearing. Before the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Pim. In Court No. 1, at 11 o'clock. Actions—O'Neill v. Smith; Miller v. M'Cabe. At Chambers—Hickey, decd., Hickey v. Hickey; Settled Land Acts and Byrne; White v. Leader, part heard. Before the Chief Clerk—Mathews v. Donegan; Shelly v. O'Gorman; Young v. Cronin; Sinnott v. Davis; Brennan v. Flood; Hagan v. M'Guiggan.

CONSOLIDATED TAXING OFFICE.—Master Kilbride, at 11 o'clock—Whelan and S.L.A., F. Clinch; Thomas E. G. Gamble, a bankrupt, W. V. Seddall; Flynn, a minor, F. V. Gordon; Mackey, a minor, F. V. Gordon; Jackson, minors, F. V. Gordon; Marnane v. Marnane, J. F. D'Arcy; Sullivan v. Coughlan, D. J. O'Meara; Sullivan v. Coughlan, J. J. Lenehan; Harrison and S.L.A., Bowles and French; Keohane v. White, J. Travers Wolfe; Ryan's Trusts and Trustee Act, 1893, P. J. Byrne. Master Denning, at 11 o'clock. Ex parte Taxations—A person of unsound mind (G.S.), J. A. Kiernan; a person of unsound mind (G.S.), Lane and Boyle; Donnelly v. Bennett, M. L. Hearn; Byrne, minors, C. H. Denroche; O'Meara to Shannon, W. J. Shannon and Co.; Ward and S.L.A., H. Shell; Doyle v. Dublin and S. Eastern Rly. Co., J. H. M'Carroll. Master Macnamara, at 11 o'clock—Board of Trade to Healy, N. Healy; Nunn v. Barton, Meldon and Co.; Casey v. Walsh, J. F. Williams; Donohue, decd., G. D. Fottrell and Son; Casey, decd., Carruthers and Gamble.

LAND JUDGES.—Receiver Office. Mr. Dickinson, Examiner, 11.30 o'clock. Receivers' Accounts—Edmund Foley's estate, R. A. Howe; Kennedy v. Kennedy, do. Land Case, at 2 o'clock—G. S. Wallis, settle schedule.

KING'S BENCH DIVISION.—In Court No. 3, at 11 o'clock. Crown Side—Exparte Motion. Civil Side—Exparte Motion. Summonses—The Commercial Union Loan and Discount Co., Ltd., v. Keegan; Harris v. Goldwater; Attendance Orders—Harris v. Goldwater; O'Brien v. Ireland. On Notice—Bank of Ireland v. Shaw; same v. same; same v. Daly; Fallon v. Gavin; M'Manus v. Bright. For Judgment (not before 12.30 o'clock)—Revenue Side—The Reps. of P. J. M'Call, decd., applts.; Commissioners of Inland Revenue, respondents. Before Master Jackson, K.C., at 12 o'clock—The "Freeman's Journal" (1919), Ltd., v. Hearn.

TRIALS BY JURY.—Before the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, in the Court of Appeal, at 2 o'clock. To be Mentioned—Barnes v. O'Farrell. For Friday, 21st December, City Trial. To be Mentioned—Harbney v. McSwiney, applt.

BANKRUPTCY.—Before the Chief Registrar, at 11 o'clock—Bailly, pr. dts., J. P. Tyndall; arrangt., do. E. F. Collins; do., pr. dts. and veh., A. Cox and Co.; F. Collins; do., pr. dts. J. H. Dixon; arrangt., do. Lynch Scanlon, pr. dts., J. H. Dixon; arrangt., do., Scallan and Deering; do., do., R. F. Collins; do., do., Scallan and Co.; Middleton, pr. dts. and veh., Porter, Morris and Co.; arrangt., pr. dts., Molloy, Fayle, and Co.; do., ac. E. F. Collins; do., inquiry R. 127, Cussen and comp. Kiernan, Wilson, pr. dts. H. J. W. Downey; arrangt., do. comp., J. R. Creswell; do., do., Fallerton and Doyle; do., do., E. F. Collins; do., vouch account; Murphy, do. Keating and Keating.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.—At Examiners' Chambers. Before Mr. Stubbs, at 12 o'clock—C. R. Marlay (E.C. 9267). Before Mr. Sullivan, at 11 o'clock—John P. Baldwin and ors. (E.C. 7149), discharge rulings. Before Mr. Franks, at 11 o'clock—Florence O'Sullivan (E.C. 4008). Before Mr. Longfield, at 11 o'clock—A. N. B. Wyse (E.C. 8565), discharge rulings and settle schedule. Before Mr. Leet, at 11 o'clock—Wm. Gregory Wood Martin (E.C. 8381), settle schedule.

BEFORE THE RIGHT HON. THE RECORDER, at Green street, at 11 o'clock. Damage to Property Compensation Act, 1923. Applicants—M.A.A.F.I.; Dunville and Company; Leverett and Frye; Patrick Haslam; Michael Finn; William Deegan; Joseph Doyle; Miss C. E. Draper; Thomas Donnelly, Rose Donnelly; John Brophy; Annie O'Carroll; Mr. and Mrs. J. Mayo; John O'Brien; A. E. Elvidge; Margaret S. Elvidge; F. G. Ellison; Ellen Francis; Wolfe Flitterman; Francis Flanagan; Thomas Dowling; Ellen E. Egan; Berkely and Fagan; Fallon; A. L. English; Robert Farrell; J. F. Finnegan; Patrick Kavanagh; R. H. T. Gahan; Margaret Gartland; Hibernian Shirt Co.; T. P. and E. Goodbody; Messrs. Goodbody, Ltd.; Henry Hesselberg; Independent Order of Rechabites; James Higgins; Kennedy, Crowley and Co.; Kevin J. Kenny; Martin Keating; Ethel J. Judd; Laurence Kavanagh; H. P. Mayne; Nellie Byrne.

DAIL EIREANN COURTS (WINDING UP) COMMISSION.—Before the Chief Judicial Commissioner, in Court No. 1, at 11 o'clock. For Judgment—Goggin v. Aylward (Waterford Circuit Sitting). Before Mr. Commissioner Power, in Court No. 2, at 11 o'clock. For Hearing—Cunningham v. Dowd.

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FREE STATE CIVIL SERVICE.

NOT PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE TO THOSE OUTSIDE IRELAND.

MINISTER'S ADVICE TO SENATE.

Yesterday the Senate dealt with several bills. The Local Government Electors Bill was passed through all its stages and the Fisheries Bill was discussed.

During the Committee stage of the Civil Service Regulation (No. 2) Bill Mr. Linehan moved an amendment to make eligible as members of the Civil Service of the Free State citizens of any other country in the Empire.

The Minister for Finance gave it as his opinion that the Irish Civil Service would not be particularly attractive to persons from outside Ireland, and the amendment was defeated.

JUDICIARY BILL.

POSTPONED TILL AFTER THE RECESS.

The Senate met yesterday afternoon under the presidency of Lord Glenavy.

The meeting opened with the meeting of prayer by the Assistant Clerk.

Mr. Samuel L. Brown, K.C., took the oath and his seat in the Senate.

The Chairman announced that the second reading of the Courts of Justice Bill, which was the first business on the Orders of the Day, would be postponed until after the Christmas recess, so that members might have a full opportunity of studying its provisions.

The Interpretation Bill was, by agreement, put through all its remaining stages and passed.

On the second reading of the Expiring Laws (Continuance) Bill,

Mr. Thomas Linehan moved to delete from the schedule the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1883, and the several amending Acts which were subsequently passed. He said that the first of these Acts was passed forty years ago. He held that the object for which the Acts were passed had been achieved, and that a sufficient number of houses had been built in the rural areas—in fact, there were more houses than there were tenants. In some cases it was found necessary to give two houses to one tenant with a view to keeping the houses from going to ruin. (Laughter.) The materials of some of the cottages that were not occupied were being looted, and the patches of ground attached to them were becoming a commonage, or, in some cases, reverting to the farmer from whom they were taken and paid for by the District Council or the Board of Guardians.

He held that if there was any money available for housing it should be diverted from the rural areas and transferred to the city and urban slums for the relief of the dwellers in those slums. When the rural cottages were built they cost about £80 apiece, and they were let at a rent of 1s. a week. As time went on the cost of building cottages went up to £350 or £400. The repairs to those cottages amounted to considerably more than the rents received from the tenants. Therefore, it would be good policy from the point of view of the ratepayers that the cottages should be transferred to the occupiers as owners. Many persons who were not qualified under the Acts had got possession of the cottages.

FAULT OF ADMINISTRATION.

Mr. Westropp Bennett said that the errors described by Mr. Linehan had occurred, but they were the fault rather of administration than of the Acts themselves. He did not agree that the want of houses had been completely filled in the rural districts. In his own district probably more had been done under these Acts than in any other part of Ireland; yet the want of houses existed. The suggestion that any money available should be taken from the rural districts and expended on the abolition of slums in the cities might be an admirable one, but he felt that the agricultural industry owed a duty to its labour, and that the duty would in no way be fulfilled by the transfer of the money to urban areas.

As regards repairs, in some districts the weekly rents were entirely swallowed up by the cost of repairs; but repairs were often executed in an uneconomic and slipshod way. He was afraid that a scheme to sell to the tenants contained many difficulties. He himself had tried such a scheme some years ago, but the labourers did not see that it was wise for them to purchase. If a tenant owned his house he would have a greater incentive to keep it well and avoid inflicting serious damage. He was opposed to the amendment.

Mr. O'Duffy also opposed the amendment. However necessary amendment of the Acts might be, the eleventh hour was not the time for raising the question or seeking to bring about the vital change that would be effected by the passing of the amendment. In view of what had been said about repairs, he could not favour any scheme of purchase which would throw on the occupier the onus of repairs, and he did not see how any scheme which did that, as well as fixing a price sufficient to pay off the loan, could give relief to the tenant.

Mr. McLysaght said that in his experience he had not come across any case of excessive provision of houses under these Acts.

Mr. Farren said that the object of the amendment was to deprive the unfortunate labouring man of a decent habitation. There were not nearly sufficient houses in the province of Leinster as a whole, or in any part of it, to meet the requirements of the farm labourers. There were places where people were herded together like swine and cattle. The effect of the amendment would be to take off the Statute Book one of the best and most humane Acts ever passed by the British Government.

Everybody knew that owing to their high standard of morality the labouring people in Ireland were blessed with very large families, and the State had to come in and build houses in which they could live as Christians. There were still many thousands of farm labourers who were just as badly in need of houses as those in the towns.

Mrs. Costello expressed her opinion that the Acts were still required.

Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde said that the Acts were the best ever passed by any country; they had done an enormous amount of good, and it surprised him that other countries had not taken a leaf out of that book. In the tillage districts the face of the country had been changed, and in moving about the countryside he was particularly struck by the number of well-kept children now to be seen. He suggested to the mover of the amendment that he would be doing a public service if he would name and advertise the district where surplus houses existed. (Laughter.)

Mr. Linehan said that he was satisfied to have raised the discussion, and he wished to withdraw the amendment.

By consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

The bill was taken through the remaining stages, and passed.

RATES AND VOTES.

In Committee on the Local Government Electors' Registration Bill, Mr. Linehan moved to add, at the end of Section 2, the following:—

"(a) Provided always that nothing in this section or in any existing enactment shall entitle a person to be registered as a Local Government elector if the rates for which he or she is legally liable on the 31st March immediately preceding the 15th November in each year are in arrear at the time of the compilation of the register.

"(b) Provided also that a person occupying rateable property having a valuation not exceeding £20 shall be entitled to one vote, over £20 and not exceeding £50 two votes, over £50 and not exceeding £100 three votes, and over £100 four votes at any Local Government election, and the register shall be so prepared as to show the number of votes to which each elector is entitled."

Part (a) of the amendment was taken first.

Mr. O'Farrell said that such a clause would be unworkable. If a man who owed his rates were disfranchised, what would be done with regard to his wife? If a landlord of several small houses omitted to pay the rates in time, what would be the position of the tenants who had paid their rates to him included with the rent?

Sir Thomas Esmonde said that the suggestion in the proposal was good. In some counties the arrears of rates ran into thousands of pounds. Anything that would encourage the payment of rates and the realising by the ratepayers of their duties and liabilities ought to be encouraged.

Lord Mayo said that the amendment seemed to be incapable of application, because there was no specified time for the compilation of the register.

The Chairman said that he thought Mr. Linehan had in mind the "completion" rather than the "compilation" of the register.

Mr. Kenny supported the amendment. He said that there was a general disposition to avoid payment of rates and rents. They all knew that movements were on foot throughout some counties that actually struck at the collection of rates, and with considerable success. The effect of the withholding of the rates was to dislocate the finances of the county councils and adversely to affect the public services, such as hospitals and charitable institutions, that were dependent upon the rates. In some counties rates were in arrears for two years. Appeals had been made to the people to pay their rates, and yet no material response was received. The money that should have been paid in rates was being recklessly squandered, and the wives and children of the people were the sufferers. It was an anomalous thing to find persons elected to public bodies to be in charge of public funds who themselves had paid no rates.

Mr. Nesbitt said that the sooner the law was changed the better, so that every tenant should be responsible for the rates on his holding.

WILD CLARE.

Mr. MacLysaght said that in ordinary times the rates were collected very well, and that applied even at present to Clare, which was erroneously supposed to be very wild. The amendment was of no value, and he would oppose it.

Mr. Barrington supported the amendment, and said that he did not see why persons who contributed nothing to the public funds should be allowed to make a district liable for heavy rates.

Mr. Bennett also expressed agreement with the object of the amendment, and said that town dwellers should be included in the clause.

Mr. O'Dea said that the amendment was a most useful one, and he was very much in favour of it.

Mr. Burke, Minister for Local Government, said that he was afraid that he could not accept the amendment in any form. The point about the measure before them was its urgency. With regard to the point made by different senators as to the collection of the rates, there was a bill in course of preparation that would more appropriately cover that, and when that bill came before the House some such amendment as the one under discussion might be submitted. It was important that the bill should be passed before Christmas.

Mr. Bennett said that he strongly dissented from the view that they should pass the bill before Christmas if, in their opinion, there were certain clauses that required to be amended. The senator protested against a plea of urgency being put forward again as a reason why they should pass the bill within a given time.

Mr. Douglas said that, while he could sympathise with the attitude of the last speaker, he suggested that the best remedy lay in introducing a bill to amend present legislation. Most of them desired to see the local election held as soon as possible, but arrangements might be made whereby the Dail could be called to consider amendments which the Senate might consider urgent and necessary.

The Minister for Local Government said that such arrangements could have been made, but the Ministry had not thought that a contentious amendment would be moved as the measure had been passed through the Dail without any amendment.

ANOTHER PROTEST.

Mr. Barrington also protested against a Ministerial plea of urgency being put forward as a reason for the immediate disposal of a measure by the Senate. After all, that House was the Senate, and if they thought that an amendment was necessary on any measure they should allow nothing to overweigh that consideration.

Mr. Blythe, Minister of Finance, in referring to the amendment set down by Senator Linehan, said that during his association with local government the view held by him was not that anyone should be disfranchised, but rather that it was their duty to see that everyone exercising the franchise should be "jolly well made to pay his rates."

The Chairman said that the Earl of Mayo had made a suggestion that the words: "are in arrear at the time of the compilation of the register" should be omitted. This had been accepted by Mr. Linehan, and the amendment would read: "provided always that nothing in this section or in any existing enactment shall entitle a person to be registered as a Local Government elector in any year in which the rates legally liable on 31st March preceding the 15th November are imposed."

The amendment was carried on a division by 22 votes to 18.

ACCORDING TO PAYMENTS.

Mr. T. Linehan then moved a further amendment as follows:—"Provided also that a person occupying rateable property having a valuation not exceeding £20 shall be entitled to one vote, over £20 and not exceeding £50 two votes, over £50 and not exceeding £100 three votes, and over £100 four votes at any Local Government election, and the register shall be so prepared as to show the number of votes to which each elector is entitled."

He said that he regarded those bodies which were elected by the Local Government electors as business concerns, and thought that it was only right that the persons who contributed largely to their upkeep should have votes to some extent corresponding to the contributions they made. He regarded these local bodies more or less as one would a company with the electors as shareholders. His proposal did not give large ratepayers votes in proportion to their valuations. The ratepayer with but £1 valuation would have one vote, whereas the man with over £100 valuation would have only four votes. That was not a very large increase, and was not at all in proportion to valuation.

If the amendment were carried it would have the effect of preventing gross extravagance which had taken place in local bodies throughout the country, and he hoped that it would have the effect of considerably reducing expenditure and bringing about a more efficient administration.

Mr. O'Farrell said that this was a very funny amendment to come from rebel Cork.

It was said by Senator Linehan that local government was a business arrangement. National government was also a business arrangement, and if they were going to give a ratepayer of certain valuation four votes and for his wife four more—that would be eight votes—they would have to apply the same principle to the Parliamentary franchise. In that case Messrs. Guinness and Son would carry half the members of the Dail. He thought that they had got away from the property basis of voting. One man one vote and one woman one vote had been adopted in all countries making a pretence to democratic government.

Mr. Kenny said that there was a great deal of property held in this country, and the manner of its acquisition would not bear investigation. He also thought if the principle were adopted it would be claimed that the man of least intelligence should have one vote, two would be given to a "B.A.," and an "M.A." should have three votes, for there were degrees of intelligence as well as degrees of work.

Sir John Keane, though not supporting the amendment, pointed out that plurality of votes was found in countries not of a reactionary kind. Senator O'Farrell would find that there was a plurality system in Belgium, not a property system, but an intellectual system.

Mr. Love said that in Belgium a man of 25 years of age had one vote, a married man two, a University graduate three, and four if he had property above a certain valuation.

Mr. Linehan said that the Parliamentary and local government franchises were not on the same plane, as in the matter of indirect taxation each voter, in what he ate and drank, contributed about the same.

The amendment was defeated.

The Local Government Electors' Registration Bill, 1923, then went through the Committee stage.

LOCAL ELECTIONS.

The Local Elections Postponement (Amendment) Bill, 1923, was passed through Committee and the report stage.

Mr. Farren said that they were asked to postpone these elections while people were continually finding fault with the manner in which the existing bodies conducted their business. The surest way of giving the citizens t[illegible] as to the way these boards were being conducted was to [illegible] that the Government had good reasons for postponing the election, but he found fault with the way these boards were being treated, while at the same time a virile propaganda was being carried on against them.

The Minister for Local Government said that if the elections were not postponed they would have to have elections in January. It would be well to get the outstanding rates collected before they asked new boards to take responsibility, and it was desirable that they should have the new register. Meanwhile they had under consideration the question of local government authorities of which it might be necessary to change the *personnel* and the system. It was quite impossible to hold the elections in January.

The bill was passed through all stages.

The Local Authorities (Indemnity) Bill, 1923, was passed without amendment. The Gaming Bill, 1923, was also passed.

FISHERIES.

The Fisheries Bill, 1923, was next considered in Committee.

Sir John Keane moved to insert a new Section (9) as follows:—

"No penalty inflicted under this Act shall be reduced or remitted save on the recommendation of the judge or justice who imposes such penalty, and any recommendation for such reduction or remission shall be made at the same time as the penalty is imposed."

He said that the object of the section was to relieve the Government in general from the importunities of offenders. He hoped that the House would remove all temptation out of the way and put them in position of being able to say: "I am very sorry, but, much as I sympathise with you, the law does not allow me."

Mr. Barrington supported the amendment, and said that he could not see the least reason for reserving power for somebody in Dublin who had not heard the case, and did not know the circumstances to over-ride the decisions of the courts.

Mr. Guinness said that no penalty inflicted under the Act should be reduced or remitted.

Mr. Clayton-Love said that he did not think that the Act as it stood required any amendment.

Mr. Finian Lynch, Minister for Fisheries, said that he would not recommend the Senate to accept the amendment, as it was absolutely unnecessary.

The Earl of Mayo described the bill as one of the strictest measures that he ever had the pleasure of reading. The Senate, he thought, would be doing an injustice to the bill and to the Ministry if they accepted the amendment, because it was entirely unnecessary.

Mr. Guinness's amendment to Sir John Keane's amendment having been defeated, the original amendment was put and carried.

A show of hands was called for by Mrs. Stopford Green, and the Chairman, as a result, declared finally that Sir John Keane's amendment was carried. A division was not challenged.

The other sections of the bill were agreed to without discussion.

CIVIL SERVICE.

The Committee stage of the Civil Service Regulation (No. 2) Bill was then taken.

Senator Linehan moved to amend Section 4 by the addition of a sub-section, making eligible for the membership of the Civil Service of the Irish Free State citizens of any of the countries forming the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Mr. H. S. Guinness (who had a similar amendment standing in his name) supported Senator Lenehan's amendment.

Mr. O'Farrell said that he would be very slow to recommend acceptance of the amendment before them until they had first seen in what relation they stood with regard to the Civil Services of other countries of the Commonwealth. The general terms of the amendment were, he thought, too sweeping.

Mr. Douglas said that he was in favour of preference being extended to Irishmen, and he thought that no one could object to that, but that did not exclude such mutual arrangements between them and the other countries of the Commonwealth as they might think suitable. The amendment before them would have the effect of tying their hands.

Mr. Jackson expressed himself in agreement with the amendment, and said that it would not be a good thing that they should let the idea go forth that they were going to favour parochialism, particularly having regard to the important positions which Irishmen held in the Civil Services of the other countries of the Commonwealth.

Colonel Maurice Moore said that they had had enough Anglicisation in the last 600 or 700 years, and they did not want any more. Ireland was different from other countries; it was not cosmopolitan or imperial like England. It was time that they found posts for their own sons.

Mr. Kenny and Mr. Bennett opposed the amendment.

MINISTER'S VIEWS.

Mr. Blythe, Minister for Finance, said that he should oppose the amendment. The first proposal of the Government was to confine the Civil Service to citizens of the Saorstat and children of such citizens, but they afterwards came to the conclusion that it would be wise to extend the principle in view of the settlement of the boundary question. They wanted harmony between the machinery of the Government and the people. In his opinion there was no danger of reprisal, as some senators seemed to fear, on the part of the British Government.

During the period of the revolution under Sinn Fein there were Englishmen in Ireland who took a violently Republican attitude. In view of such matters as that he thought that the people who had their interests and roots in this country should have preference in the Civil Service of the country. He ventured to prophesy that there was no risk of any exclusion of Irishmen from the British Civil Service if the clause was passed in the form in which it stood. He did not believe that the Irish Civil Service would be particularly attractive to people from outside Ireland.

The amendment was defeated.

The House adjourned at 6.30 till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

TUBERCULOSIS VACCINE.

VALUE OF DREYER METHOD OF TREATMENT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday.

The announcement by Lord Mildmay at a meeting in South Devon that Professor Dreyer, a member of the Medical Research Council and Professor of Pathology in the University of Oxford, had found "an effective vaccine against tubercle in man and beast, which had had astonishing results," was characterised at the London offices of the Medical Research Council yesterday as somewhat premature.

Those who are carrying out the tests with the vaccine, it was stated, had not yet reported their findings to the Council, and consequently no general report has been made, although it is hoped that before long a public statement will be made. Charing Cross Hospital is one of the hospitals at which sufferers are being experimentally treated, but so far it is impossible to say if the treatment is a success.

"Many people appear to be under the impression," said an official of Charing Cross Hospital, "that the Dreyer vaccine means an instantaneous cure, something like the injection of insulin for diabetes, but it cannot be too strongly impressed upon the general public that the Dreyer vaccine is nothing of the kind. The Dreyer method is a long and patient course of treatment which is not yet certain to be successful. Its results are really a matter of conjecture.

"Two years will require to elapse before any definite pronouncement can be made, but we of the medical world, knowing Dr. Dreyer to be one of the most remarkable men who has ever lived, are hopeful that his efforts will be crowned by success. His method is a general treatment one, but naturally would have better results in the incipient stages of tuberculosis."

Ether is the substantial reality; matter is merely a milky, cobwebby phenomenon.—Sir Oliver Lodge.

THE LATE BISHOP OF KILMORE.

MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED.

Yesterday afternoon, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, a memorial tablet was unveiled in memory of the late Right Rev. Alfred George Elliott, D.D., Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin, and Ardagh.

The marble tablet is built into the wall, with an arcade, the frame-work being of bath-stone. It was designed by the Cathedral architect, Mr. Orpen, and the work was executed by Messrs. H. Emery and Sons, 17 Great Brunswick, Dublin.

It bears the following inscription:—"To the glory of God and in loving memory of Alfred George Elliott, D.D. Born 1828. Canon of this Cathedral, 1890-1897; Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin, and Ardagh, 1897-1915. A man of singular gifts, both by nature and the spirit, wise in counsel, strenuous in labour, fearless in speech, a watchful Pastor of the Flock of God. He fed them with a faithful and true heart, and ruled them prudently with all his power. The memory of his inspiring devotion to duty and his generous gifts to his Diocese is gratefully cherished. His reward is with him, and his work before him."

A short Service was first held, at which the preacher was the Rev. D. C. Green, B.D. The Dean of St. Patrick's was absent through illness, and the following took part in the Service:—The Bishop of Kilmore, the Rev. Dr. Lawlor (Precentor), Canon Lockett Forde, Canon Wilson (Treasurer), the Rev. J. L. Atkinson (Dean's Vicar), and the Rev. J. J. Butler (Succentor). The Bishop of Tuam was also present.

The Bishop of Kilmore performed the unveiling ceremony, and the Rev. Precentor Lawlor, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, accepted the custody of the memorial.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ELLIOTT.

Addressing the congregation, the Bishop of Kilmore said that Bishop Elliott, whose memory they honoured that day, was a good—a great—man, and a man of singular gifts. Owing to his retiring disposition, anything in the shape of self-advertisement or self-pushing was absolutely foreign to his character, and owing to the fact that his long parochial ministry was confined to country parishes he was not known till he was advanced in years. Although he represented his diocese as Canon of that Cathedral, and was also a member of the Representative Church Body, he was little known outside his diocese when elected Bishop by the united Synods of Kilmore, Elphin, and Ardagh, at the advanced age of 69.

He was an eloquent speaker; with him there was no straining after effect, no effort after flowery language. He had none of the tricks of the orator, but his thoughts, expressed in clear and forcible language, with apt illustrations, went home to the minds of his audience. The sincerity of the man was felt by all. He never though of himself when speaking; his one thought was to impress his audience, and, if possible, to make them agree with him. After the special session of the General Synod convened to discuss the Home Rule Bill, now many years ago, the late Archbishop Peacocke told him that he considered Bishop Elliott's speech was the finest in the debate. His moral courage in speech and action was recognised by all. He was a great ecclesiastical statesman—ever thinking and planning for the good of the Church.

CLERICAL STIPENDS

He was a man of great foresight, and thought out plans to meet what he saw was coming. Long before the war he realised the difficulty that was coming in obtaining a sufficient number of men for the ministry, and that the inadequate stipends was one cause of the difficulty. This caused him to work out the scheme for the augmentation of stipends in his own diocese, which was working so successfully, and made him try, but without success, to get a scheme on something of the same lines adopted by the Representative Church Body for the whole Church. It was not as widely known as it ought to be that it was to his initiative and persistent advocacy that they owed their clerical superannuation scheme. It was he who drafted the scheme which, in its essential features, was eventually adopted by the Representative Church Body and the General Synod, chiefly through the co-operation of the late Provost Traill.

It was he, also, who initiated the idea of the hostel for Divinity students, and it was to him they owed the introduction of manuals in the programme of religious instruction published by the Board of the General Synod.

His munificence to the diocese, and, indeed, to the Church at large, was well known. His friends were thankful and proud that his work should be commemorated in that ancient Cathedral by the tablet they had dedicated that day, but his memory would ever be kept green in Kilmore, Elphin, and Ardagh by the Bishop Elliott scheme for the augmentation of stipends. The whole Church of Ireland, and particularly his own diocese, had reason to thank and glorify God for the episcopate of Alfred George Elliott.

The choir then sang the hymn, "The saints of God, their conflict passed," and the Bishop of Kilmore pronounced the Benediction.

A CORK CORPORATION SURCHARGE.

SUB-SHERIFF'S ACTION CRITICISED.

In connection with the recent election of a Commissioner to represent the Lower Harbour on the Cork Harbour Board, and the subsequent disqualification of Mr. George Nason, who was elected by the Corporation, by the High Court, the taxed costs against certain members of the Corporation amounted to £98 7s. 1d.

At the late meeting of the Law and Finance Committee it was decided to recommend the Council to pay the costs. This recommendation had not, in the meantime, come before the Corporation.

Yesterday, however, the Sub-Sheriff decided to collect the amount, and sent his representative to Alderman James Daly, the first person named on the list of members responsible for the costs. The Sheriff's officers visited his house and refused to leave until the whole amount, with costs—about £110—was paid. The Alderman had no option but to issue a cheque for the whole amount.

The matter was discussed at a meeting of the Law and Finance Committee last evening, when the action of the Sub-Sheriff in enforcing payment so quickly was strongly commented on by the Deputy Lord Mayor and others. The matter will come before the Council meeting on Friday night.

CUMANN NA NGAEDHEAL.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The General Council of Cumann na nGaedheal have decided to hold the annual Convention of the organisation on Tuesday, January 29th. In accordance with the rules, the basis of representation will be the constituency, and constituency Conventions are being held between 1st and 15th January to select delegates.

Apart from the election of a new General Council, important matters of public policy will come up for discussion. It is expected that the members of the Government and Cumann na nGaedheal Party will be present.

THE LATE LORD WILLOUGHBY DE BROKE.

There was a distinguished gathering at St. Mark's Church, North Audley street, London, yesterday for the funeral of the late Lord Willoughby de Broke. A Choral Service was conducted by the Rev. W. G. Pennyman and Prebendary Gougn. The interment will take place at Compton Verney Chapel, Warwickshire, to-day.

FUNERAL OF THE REV. W. G. MURPHY.

The funeral of the Rev. W. G. Murphy, Rector of Lower Fahan with Desertegney (Buncrana), Co. Donegal, was very largely attended by members of all denominations. The Right Rev. Dr. Peacocke attended, as did also a party of British officers from Dunree Fort. A number of members of the Free State Civic Guard also attended.

LORD CASTLEREAGH

COMING-OF-AGE CELEBRATIONS.

The celebration of the coming of age of Viscount Castlereagh, son and heir of the Marquis of Londonderry, took place at Seaham Harbour, on Lord Londonderry's Durham estate yesterday amid much local rejoicing. The town was decked with flags and wore a holiday aspect, and a very large assembly witnessed the interesting and noteworthy ceremonies which marked the occasion.

Lord Castlereagh laid the coping stone of an extension to Seaham Dock, constructed by his ancestor, the third Marquis, and extended by his grandfather, the late Marquis. The present extension is to meet the greatly increased coal shipments.

Lord Castlereagh afterwards laid the foundation stone of twelve aged miners' cottages which Lord Londonderry is presenting to the Durham Aged Mineworkers' Homes Association, for the miners of his Seaham and Dawdon collieries, to commemorate his son's coming of age. At each of these functions Lord Castlereagh was presented with a silver trowel and cordially congratulated on attaining his majority. He replied in feeling terms.

A move was made to the new Londonderry colliery which Lord Londonderry is sinking to the north of the town, and here Lord Castlereagh, who was presented with a carved oak and silver embellished wheelbarrow and silver spade, cut the first sods of the Vane and Tempest shafts amid much enthusiasm. This colliery is the most important enterprise of the Londonderry family in recent years, and is designed for an output of 3,000 tons per day, and will employ about 2,000 hands. It is to be sunk by the freezing process through water-bearing strata.

Lord Londonderry, in a speech, said that he was glad to be able to do something to provide more employment, and he hoped that the new colliery would be a great success.

CHRISTMAS AT THE HOTELS.

DANCES AND GALA DINNERS.

Gay scenes will be presented at some of the hotels and restaurants in and about Dublin this Christmastide.

It is not many years since hotel-keepers were able to go to sleep for the Christmas season. All their customers found a home to go to: if they had no home of their own, they got into somebody else's. Nobody was left in the hotels.

Now things are different. The managers of the larger hotels—those, at least, which have a social rather than a commercial character—have a busy time at Christmas.

Heads of households—and their wives still more—know what a job it is to organise a family gathering at home and to make things "go" at Christmas time.

The hotel manager who caters for Christmas parties has to make things "go" for a party of a hundred or so guests, many of whom arrive as strangers to one another.

There are several hotels in the neighbourhood of Dublin where high festivity will be the order this Christmas. One of the largest of these, where the "hotel Christmas" was originated as far as Ireland is concerned, is already booked up for Christmas week.

The feature of the day is the gala dinner. An ample menu is printed on souvenir cards. The diningroom is brilliantly lit and gaily decorated. At each place is a beautiful Christmas cracker, worth keeping as a souvenir. With it is, perhaps, a little souvenir gift, designed with all the ingenuity that those who cater for pleasure-seekers know how to apply to these things.

Soon the hubbub of chatter mingles with the noise of the crackers; coloured balloons are released; streamers are spun from table to table. The plum pudding is brought in to the sound of cheering. More crackers are let off; paper caps, becoming or grotesque, are donned. When the time comes for the concert that follows everybody in the company has made friends.

At some of the hotels dancing will follow the Christmas Day dinner, and all the big hotels will have dances on other nights of Christmas week.

A similar programme is designed for hotel and restaurant parties on St. Stephen's Day. Managers have taken hints from the leading organisers of festivity at the big hotels at London, Paris and Monte Carlo. At one restaurant the manager spoke of making it a Montmartre night. The managers have hunted through London and Paris stores for ingenious gift novelties and for means of adding to the appearance and sound of revelry.

Exhibition dances by a pair of dancers who have appeared at Piccadilly and other West End hotels will be a feature of the Metropole Restaurant fixtures, for which also surprise incidents are being arranged.

Many hundreds of yards of coloured streamers, pounds of gleaming tissue, and cartloads of holly will be put into the decoration of hotels, restaurants and ballrooms for the Christmas festivities.

Monster plum puddings have been prepared for the larger hotels.

Not all the hotels are going to the extent of gaiety here described. Some of the city hotels are arranging tables for family parties who will "celebrate" separately, though probably they will get together in the ballroom afterwards. Many families are obliged to go to the hotels nowadays. They no longer have houses to themselves where accommodation can be "stretched" to put up all comers. Flats without spare bedrooms and without a staff of servants do not permit the former big gatherings.

Now a family gathering can be held in a hotel, with none of the troubles of home catering; and the members of the party, instead of being on the hands of the host and hostess, will find their way into the hotel ballroom at night and go off to the near-by golf links in the daytime.

CRUELTY TO GEESE.

365 DEAD IN CORK TO LIVERPOOL CROSSING.

A fine of £30, with five guineas costs, was imposed at Liverpool on Thursday on William Griffiths, master of the Liverpool-owned ss. Edith, for having caused unnecessary suffering to a number of geese consigned from Courtmacsherry, Co. Cork.

It was stated that the geese forming the subject of the charge numbered 397, and were contained in 48 crates. They were stowed in the hold, which was so inadequately ventilated as to be a regular "Black Hole of Calcutta" for the unfortunate birds. It was also alleged that the birds were without food or water for three days, the crates being stowed in such a way that they were inaccessible.

When the crates were unpacked at Liverpool 147 of the geese were dead. A large number of other geese also formed part of the cargo, and were accommodated in 135 crates. Upon landing, the dead birds totalled 365.

The ss. Edith was described as being smaller than a Mersey ferry-boat.

For the defence it was urged that the captain had been "let down" by the consignor of the birds, who demanded that the geese should go in the hold, and then failed to keep his promise to provide food. The master stated that the cargo was virtually forced upon him.

CINDERELLA AT THE METROPOLE.

A very enjoyable Cinderella dance was held in the Metropole Ballroom last night, when the Dublin public was given another opportunity of seeing Mr. T. C. Askew and Miss Yvonne Mehro, whose exhibitions of modern dancing have become so popular. Last night Mr. Askew and Miss Mehro gave three exhibitions. The first, entitled "Gipsy Love," had all the wild *abandon* of a Brahms dance, while the "Moorish Dance" was as graceful as it was vividly descriptive. "Delights of 1923" included all the latest steps from the London ballrooms. The management of the Metropole is to be congratulated on its enterprise in bringing these fine dancers to Dublin, and the attendance at the Cinderella last night proved that it is being appreciated. Harrison's band supplied the music, which was excellent.

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LOSSES FROM FIRE AND BOMB.

RECORDER & "YPRES" AREA IN DUBLIN.

Further awards to the amount of more than £22,000 were made by the Recorder of Dublin yesterday on claims arising out of the fighting in Dublin in 1922.

Mrs. Cosgrave, wife of President Cosgrave, was allowed £4,748 (she claimed £6,000) on account of the destruction by fire of her residence, "Beechpark," Templeogue. A further £2,082 was allocated to her as compensation for loss of furniture. The applicant stated that no claim had been made in respect of any property belonging to President Cosgrave.

Mr. Costello (instructed by Messrs. John T. Doyle and Co.) appeared in support of the application.

Mrs. Cosgrave said that "Beechpark" was in perfect repair before the outrage. She had already expended £750 on the house, and had made a statutory declaration regarding the value of the furniture for insurance purposes.

The Recorder—Did you yourself purchase most of the furniture? Yes. Some were antiques and others copies.

The Recorder—Copies are sometimes quite as valuable.

Mr. Slevin, surveyor, described "Beechpark" as "a most complete and substantial structure." The joinery work was of a very high class, and, indeed, was of a type that could not be procured at present. The mantelpieces also were very fine.

Questioned closely, Mr. Slevin said that he considered that there was practically no difference in the saleable value of reconstructed buildings and those which stood before destruction. Both he and Mr. George O'Connor, architect, who followed with evidence, expressed the belief that the new building which was to take the place of "Beechpark" could not be erected on the old foundations.

Mr. O'Connor spoke to inspecting "Beechpark" and preparing plans for the new building, which was to be identical in character with the destroyed house. He had advertised for tenders, and his estimate for the new building amounted to £4,900.

The Recorder found that certain parts of the claim could not be allowed, and that the amount claimed in respect of the building must necessarily be reduced to £4,868, minus £120. He awarded altogether £6,830.

Captain Sean McGarry, M.P., was awarded £900 and Mr. William A. Mombrun £600 in respect of destruction of property in, and damage to, the house which they shared in Philipsburg avenue.

Mr. Joseph O'Connor, who represented the applicants, said that Captain McGarry's library suffered considerable damage from fire and some valuable books were destroyed, including first editions of Oscar Wilde and Carlyle. Captain McGarry claimed £1,202.

A SACKVILLE STREET BUILDING.

A sum of £12,950 was allowed to Messrs. J. and G. Campbell, wine merchants, whose premises in Upper Sackville street were blown up on the 29th June, 1922. The award was distributed as follows:—£8,500 for the building, £750 for furniture, and £3,700 for stock. In this case it was stated that "the destruction was appalling; everything was destroyed and nothing salved."

OTHER CLAIMS.

Other awards were:—Mary Donovan, £200 for damage to premises at 2 North Great George's street; Agnes Doyle £100 and John Duffy £35, for personal belongings destroyed in the Crown Hotel; Patrick C. Fagan, painting contractor, £100 for injury to premises in Wood quay; Mr. G. K. Mooney (who came from Kent in support of his claim), £95 for loss of property; Michael Doyle, merchant, Kevin street, £70 for horse destroyed, cart damaged, and goods seized as the result of an ambush; John Traynor, £65 for damage to a motor car in a shooting; John C. Duffy, £52 for damage to his house when occupied by Republicans; Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, £45 for damage to premises at 35 Parnell square; Thomas Crosby, a labourer, £20 for property destroyed during the bombardment of the Four Courts.

There were several other minor awards.

THE SACKVILLE STREET AREA.

The Recorder commented on several of the outrages brought to his notice, and observed that it would be desirable to have all the cases in relation to Dublin's "Ypres" disposed of as soon as possible, as the work of reconstruction would provide a good deal of employment.

Sir Alfred and Lady Mond have left London for a visit to India, where they will be the guests of the Viceroy.

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BELFAST DIRECTOR'S INCOME TAX.

APPEAL COURT DECISION.

In the Court of Appeal of the Ulster High Court yesterday, the case of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue v. Charles E. Allan, formerly of Stormont Castle and then a director of Workman, Clark and Co., Ltd., came up for judgment before Lord Justice Moore and Lord Justice Andrews.

It was an appeal by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue against the decision of the King's Bench Division for a case stated for their opinion by the Special Commissioners of Income Tax.

The question which was asked of the Court was whether the Commissioners were correct in deciding that income from certain Government stocks and certain shares in Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co., Ltd., accruing for the years 1916-17 and 1917-18 formed part of the income of Mr. Allan or was impressed in the trust for Mrs. Allan and Miss Allan, wife and daughter of Mr. Charles E. Allan. The Special Commissioners and the King's Bench Division had held that the income formed part of the trust estate, and that in respect of such income Mr. Allan was not chargeable with super-tax.

The appearances were:—For the Inland Revenue Commissioners — The Attorney-General (Right Hon. Richard Best, K.C., M.P.), Messrs. R. D. Megaw, K.C., M.P., and J. C. Davison (instructed by Mr. J. H. B. Gunning, Treasury Solicitor); and for Mr. Allan—Messrs. H. Wilson, K.C., J. H. Robb, K.C., M.P., and Arthur Black (instructed by Messrs. McLean and Sons).

Lord Justice Moore said that he agreed with the finding of the Special Commissioners that there was a perfected gift in trust as from the 1st January, 1917, of the £1,500 Exchequer Bonds, transferred into the joint names of Mr. Allan and his wife as from the 1st January, 1917, subject to the deed of settlement of 29th April, 1919. He also agreed with their finding as regarded the £4,210 10s. 3 per cent. War Stock and the £10,000 War Loan. Everything necessary was done to transfer these securities into the names of the trustees, the gift to them was completed, and for the several periods in each case respectively the property in them ceased to be the property of Mr. Allan. The income derivable from it ceased to be his income, and, therefore, was not taxable against him.

As regarded the £36,000 shares in Workman Clark's, there was more difficulty. At the close of 1918-19 these shares remained Mr. Allan's property. In his opinion, the shares were impressed with a trust on the part of Mr. Allan to transfer them to the trustees as soon as he could legally do so. Such a transfer was always the intention, and, if it was, the gift remained incomplete till the intention was carried out, and equity could not aid the defect in the intention in favour of a volunteer.

Having dealt with the question of dividends, his Lordship said that the question should be answered that the Special Commissioners were correct in their determination as to the first three sums mentioned, but not as to the Workman Clark shares, the dividends on which formed part of the respondent's income.

The order of the King's Bench Division would be varied. As each of the parties had succeeded in part and failed in part, he ordered that each abide their own costs in the King's Bench Division and in that Court.

Lord Justice Andrews concurred.

COUNCIL AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

The King held a Council at Buckingham Palace yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. There were present:—The Marquis of Salisbury (Lord President), the Earl of Shaftesbury (Lord Steward), the Lord Somerleyton (Lord-in-Waiting), and the Right Hon. William Bridgeman, M.P. (Secretary of State for the Home Department). Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Maurice Hankey was in attendance as Clerk of the Council. The Marquis of Salisbury had an audience of His Majesty previous to the Council, and the Right Hon. William Bridgeman, M.P., had an audience of the King after the Council.

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YESTERDAY'S CASES IN THE COURTS.

A DUBLIN COMPANY.

INTERESTING WINDING-UP MATTER.

In the Chancery Division, before the Master of the Rolls, remarkable statements were made at the hearing in the winding-up matter of J. H. Hunter and Co., Ltd., seed merchants, Dublin, which came before the Court on a summons taken out on behalf of Sir Samuel Kelly, shipowner, Belfast, to obtain the opinion of the Court as to whether his name should be retained on, or struck off, the list of contributories.

Mr. Dickie, K.C., who, with Mr. James Henry (instructed by Messrs. McKinty and Wright) appeared for Sir Samuel Kelly, in opening the case, stated that the company was incorporated in 1893, and that on 14th October, 1921, it was wound up voluntarily, Mr. Purtill being appointed liquidator. Mr. Purtill, on investigation, found that Sir Samuel Kelly appeared on the register for 5,000 shares of £5 each, with £1 paid up. Sir Samuel Kelly was thus liable for calls for £20,000. There were also 3,500 shares in the joint names of J. H. Hunter and R. H. Hunter, 1,000 shares in the name of J. H. Hunter, and 100 shares in the name of Mr. Cuthbertson. Sir Samuel Kelly raised the question that he ought not to be on the register for these shares. The matter came into Court ultimately, and was referred to the Chief Clerk to settle the list of contributories. The Chief Clerk held that, the register being *prima facie* evidence, he would have to put the names on the list; but he gave liberty to either party to take the opinion of the Court on the question, and to have it decided whether or not Sir Samuel Kelly should be on the register.

That was the point between the parties shortly put.

The liquidator said that there was a meeting of the company on August 27th, 1920, at which Sir Samuel Kelly was present, along with two other directors, Mr. J. H. Hunter and Mr. R. H. Hunter. At that meeting the liquidator said that a resolution was passed allotting these 5,000 shares to Sir Samuel Kelly. The other shares already mentioned were also allotted at that meeting, and that Sir Samuel Kelly, on the 2nd September, paid a cheque for £10,000, pursuant to that bargain, to one of the Hunters (R. J. Hunter). Sir Samuel paid the Messrs. Hunter £5,000 out of the £10,000 to pay calls on the Hunters' shares, as a present to them.

Sir Samuel Kelly's case was that he had nothing to do with the Hunters, except in so far as he was a shipowner, and had chartered some of his vessels to them. The Hunters had been asking him to help them in their business, and he said that if they made purchases he would finance them to a certain extent. Sir Samuel said that there never was such a meeting as that alleged to have been held on the 27th August, either in his office in Belfast or elsewhere. Counsel said that directors of a company had no power to allot shares, and he submitted that there never had been any contract on behalf of the company, as had been alleged; that Sir Samuel gave the Hunters £10,000 for fully paid up shares; that no shares were allotted in respect of that payment; and that there was no contract in existence.

Amongst the affidavits opened in support of the case of Sir Samuel Kelly was an affidavit read, in which Sir Samuel repeated that he gave the £10,000 to the company, and that that was to be the full extent of his liability. He always understood that he was to get fully-paid shares. Sir Samuel Kelly stated that there was no such meeting as the meeting on the 27th April, and that "the whole facts, as stated in the liquidators' affidavit, are imaginary, and did not exist." A certificate was sent to him in September, when he was leaving for London, and he never saw the certificate. He became seriously ill in London, and was ill for a long time. While he was ill some form of resolution was left at his office. He never saw it, and apparently it had been returned by his secretary (Mr. Moss) on 1st November. He had never acted in any way as director, but on the 11th of January Mr. J. H. Hunter sent him two transfers of the shares held by himself and his son, Mr. R. H. Hunter, one for 1,000 shares in the name of J. H. Hunter and one for 4,000 in the joint names of J. H. Hunter and R. H. Hunter. He could not understand what was meant by it. He now saw that it was a clear attempt to get him made owner of those shares, with a liability of £20,000.

Mr. Dickie stated that the Messrs. Hunter tried to get £25,000 from Sir Samuel Kelly, but he said that he would give them £10,000, and they would never get anything more. Sir Samuel, he added, always understood that he was to get fully-paid £1 shares. He did not know that the only shares of the company were £5 shares. He was a most distinguished man.

Master of the Rolls—And, according to you, in addition to being a most distinguished business man, he was a most gullible man. (Laughter.)

Mr. Dickie said that he was afraid that was so in this case.

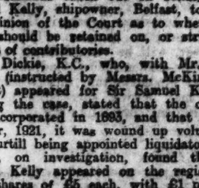
Mr. Dickie said that Sir Samuel Kelly had never made application for allotment.

His Lordship—Did he not accept the allotment?

Mr. Dickie, K.C.—He did not. The moment that he got to know of it he sent it back. All the time he could have had the certificates from September 3 to the middle of October, when he went to London and took ill. As soon as he knew the effect of it he sent it back.

The hearing was adjourned until to-day.

Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C.; Mr. Herbert Wilson, K.C., and Mr. Morgan Byrne (instructed by Messrs. Maxwell, Weldon and Co.) appeared for the liquidator; and Mr. Vaughan Wilson (instructed by Messrs. Hayes and Son) for the executors of the late Mr. J. H. Hunter, deceased, and for Mr. R. H. Hunter, his son.



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INJURIES IN MOTOR ACCIDENT.

THREE PLAINTIFFS.

Before Mr. Justice Dodd, in the King's Bench Division, Mr. Geoghegan (instructed by Messrs. A. Cox and Co.), on behalf of the plaintiff, in the case of Charles Clarke, an infant, suing by Charles Clarke, his father, of Ballyegan, Kilcock, Co. Kildare, labourer, against Messrs. P. Donnelly and Son, Ltd., coal merchants, said that this was an application to remit the action for trial to the Recorder of Dublin. It was brought for damages for personal injuries arising out of a collision between the defendants' motor lorry and a cart. Two other actions against the same defendants arose out of the same occurrence. He and his friend, Mr. Lavery, who was on the other side, had agreed, subject to his lordship's concurrence, that instead of having the actions remitted, it should be tried by a judge without a jury.

Mr. Cecil Lavery (instructed by Mr. T. O'K. Whitaker) appeared for the defendants.

His Lordship made an order that the three actions should be tried together by a judge without a jury, costs of the present application to be costs in the cause.

SCHOOLBOY INJURED.

AGREED DAMAGES.

Before Mr. Justice Dodd, a consent was received and made a rule of court, settling the action in which William Cullen, an infant, by his father, Thomas Cullen, of 12 Usher's Island, Dublin, postman, was plaintiff, and Thomas A. Burke, defendant.

Mr. E. J. Kelly (instructed by Messrs. Corrigan and Corrigan) said that the action was brought to recover damages for personal injuries sustained by the minor, owing to the alleged negligence of the defendant. On the 12th April last the minor, aged 6 years, was running out of school across the road at Sarsfield quay, when he was knocked down by the motor car. His right leg was broken and he remained in hospital until November, when he was discharged. The consent provided that the defendant should pay £150 to the plaintiff in full discharge of all claims, £20 to Steevens' Hospital, and £15 15s. costs.

TRESPASS ON LANDS.

AN INJUNCTION GRANTED.

Before the Master of the Rolls, in the case of Verschoyle v. Fenner, Bailey and others,

Mr. Poole (instructed by Mr. C. H. Danroche) applied on behalf of the plaintiff, Mr. William H. F. Verschoyle, 19 Fitzwilliam square, Dublin, for final judgment against the defendants, residing near Athy, Co. Kildare, one of them being a publican and the others farmers, in the action brought against them for an injunction restraining the defendants from trespassing upon the plaintiff's lands and cutting turf thereon, and from removing turf off the lands. An interlocutory injunction had been previously obtained pending the hearing of the action; and Mr. Poole stated that there had been a combination got up in the locality to deprive the plaintiff of the use of the premises. An inquiry as to damages was also sought.

There was no appearance on behalf of the defendants; and

The Master of the Rolls granted the injunction and the inquiry sought, with costs.

THE NEW LAND ACT.

JUDGMENT IN CO. WEXFORD CASE.

In the Land Commission Court, before Mr. Justice Wylie, interesting questions under the Land Act, 1923, arose in the case of over forty holdings on the estate of Lieut.-Colonel L. A. Bryan, situate in Co. Wexford.

The first question was whether the compounded arrears of rent were to be calculated on the abated rents which had been paid to Lieutenant-Colonel Bryan for a number of years. The next question was in respect of abatements made in some cases for plots taken for labourers' cottages under the Labourers Acts. There was also a question as to whether the 25 per cent. deduction under Section 19 of the Act was to be deducted from the whole rent for the three years from the first gale day in 1920, or only from the balance remaining after deducting any payments that had been made since then.

Mr. Conner, K.C., and Mr. Geoghegan (instructed by Mr. T. B. Dunbar) appeared for some of the tenants; and Mr. Dickie, K.C., and Mr. Hector Hughes (instructed by Mr. William Caulfield) appeared for other tenants.

Mr. Swayne, K.C. (instructed by Mr. Edward White) appeared for Lieutenant-Colonel Bryan, and, referring to the question of the abated rents, said that he had looked into the matter and was satisfied that the basis should be the abated rents.

Mr. Conner, K.C., said that his friend had exercised a very wise discretion.

Mr. Justice Wylie made an order that, the parties consenting, the abated rent should be deemed to be the true rent of the premises, the amounts to be settled by agreement, and, failing agreement, the case to be re-listed before him. As regards the question of calculating the amount of the compounded arrears of rent under Sub-Section 2 of Section 19 of the Act, it was contended on behalf of the tenants that the 25 per cent. was to be deducted from the whole rent for the three years from the first gale day in 1920, and not from the balance remaining after deducting any payments that had been made since then. Take the case where the rent was £100 a year, and that £100 had been paid since 1920, by adopting the first method of deducting 25 per cent. off the whole rent of £300 for the three years, there would remain a sum of £225, and, deducting from that the £100 paid, it would leave the amount of the compounded arrears of rent at £125. Adopting the second method, the £100 paid would be deducted from the £300 in the first instance, leaving a balance of £200, and deducting 25 per cent. off that would leave £150 as the amount of the compounded arrears of rent—a difference of £25 as compared with the first method.

Mr. Justice Wylie held that the second method was the proper one to adopt. He thought that it was quite clear what the section meant—that they were to find out the amount of the rent, and then ascertain the amount still due, and from the amount still due to deduct 25 per cent.

DAIL COURTS.

THE CARRIAGE OF CATTLE.

Yesterday, in the Dail Eireann (Winding-up) Court, before Chief Judicial Commissioner Meredith, a case was heard in which the Great Southern and Western Railway Company (defendants) appealed against a decision of the District Court giving a decree for £45 18s. to Eugene Byrne, cattle dealer and auctioneer, Edenderry, for breach of contract in the carrying of certain cattle.

Mr. Norman Keogh (instructed by Messrs. White and White) was for the appellants.

Mr. Cecil Lavery (instructed by Messrs. Thomas O'K. White and Son), for the respondent, said that the civil bill was brought in respect of the carriage of seven cows and nineteen calves from Kildare Railway Station, to be delivered at Hazlehatch Station. These cattle were to be carried on the morning of November 23rd, 1921, to be delivered at Hazlehatch in the afternoon, as plaintiff was going to offer them for sale at Kilcock fair on November 24. The train left Kildare at 9.45 and did not stop at Hazlehatch, but passed through, and the cattle were brought to Kingsbridge. They were returned by train to Hazlehatch, but they did not arrive there until the evening, and the result was that the cattle had to be walked to Kilcock. They were in a distressed condition, and he had to sell them at a lower figure than if they had been conveyed there by train.

Mr. Norman Keogh said that the claim at first was for £23, but liberty was given at the District Court to increase it. The appeal was on the merits and on the facts.

Mr. Byrne (the plaintiff) bore out his counsel's statement. He calculated the loss to the cattle as £28 on the calves and £22 18s. 6d. on the cows.

For the appellants, Richard Cousins, station-master, Hazlehatch, was examined, and stated that the train passed Hazlehatch at 2.45, and the cattle arrived back from Kingsbridge at 7.40. They appeared to be all right. There were other cattle on the same train, and no complaints were made by those who received them.

The Commissioner allowed £1 per head per cow and 5s. a head on the calves—total £11 15s. He therefore allowed the appeal and reduced the amount to £11 15s. He allowed the plaintiff costs.

CONFLICT OF EVIDENCE.

A BELFAST COMMISSION CASE.

At the adjourned sitting of the Belfast Commission yesterday, Corbett M'Bride, who had been found guilty of breaking and entering the premises of Edith Cameron, Newtownards road, and Catherine Wylie, Bryson street, was put forward.

His lordship said he had confirmation that the prisoner re-enlisted in 1919, and was discharged in 1920, following a conviction by courtmartial in London for receiving stolen goods, the property of a comrade.

Prisoner—I was discharged in 1919, and did not re-enlist.

His lordship said that the conflict was most remarkable, and he would have further investigation made. If prisoner was telling the truth, evidence specially obtained for the Court was unreliable. If, on further inquiry, that evidence was found to be reliable, the fact would be reflected in the sentence he would impose. It was a very serious matter, and he could not satisfactorily deal with the case that day. He would, therefore, postpone sentence till the first day of the next Commission, on 11th January next.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE LAND ACT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I trust you will allow me space to deal with a few points of public importance in connection with the recent Land Act. In the case where bankruptcy proceedings have been taken, but not enforced, the tenant, by paying 75 *per cent.* of one year's rent to the Bankruptcy Court, will be entitled to a discharge from the Court, in so far as the landlord's claim is concerned. Where, however, creditors other than the landlord have lodged claims against the tenant for ordinary debt, the terms of the Act do not apply.

Where the judgment given by any Court has been enforced since the 23rd May, 1923, the tenant is entitled to an allowance of 25 *per cent.* of one year's rent, together with any other sum for which the judgment was enforced in excess of that amount. That is, the recovery of all arrears since that date can only be dealt with by the Land Commission, as to 75 *per cent.* of three years' arrears, where owed, one half-year of which is merged in the annuities. All moneys recovered in excess of those amounts so calculated are recoverable by the tenant through the Land Commission. In cases where the payment of more than 75 *per cent.* of one year's rent has been enforced since the 23rd May, 1923, it is an open question whether the tenant is not entitled to a refund, in which event he will subsequently pay the Land Commission the proper statutory amount. In addition, any costs of a judgment enforced since the 3rd July, 1923, are recoverable by the tenant.

Where voluntary allowances have been in operation previous to 1920, the rentals so reduced shall be the basis on which the reductions—namely, 25 *per cent.* dealing with arrears, 25 *per cent.* dealing with interest in lieu of rent, and 30 *per cent.* and 35 *per cent.* under the terms of the Act—will be calculated. That is, any return furnished by the landlord, ignoring the agreement or reduced rentals, is not a true return, and the tenant or his solicitor should have it corrected immediately and a true return of the facts furnished to the Land Commission. A considerable number of those incorrect returns furnished by landlords has been brought to my notice within the week. Whether, after the appointed day, the reduction will be 30 or 35 *per cent.* will depend on the date on which the judicial rent was fixed, as the year 1911 is the date from which the 30 *per cent.* reduction comes into operation. When the rent was fixed prior to 1911 the reduction will be 35 *per cent.*

All other holdings, such as long lease, lease for lives, fee farm grants and tithe rent charges, while not being entitled to the full benefits of the Act, can be redeemed by application being made to the Land Commission for an advance for redemption. Only exceptional cases of town parks and residential holdings are excluded from the Act, and those only after investigation of each case by the Land Commission.—Yours, etc.,

D. J. GORRY, T.D.

Burnchurch, Kilkenny,
December 18th, 1923.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—At the Smithfield Show last week we were speaking with Mr. Baldwin, of Messrs. Edwards, Russell and Baldwin, the Hereford cattle auctioneers. Mr. Baldwin informed us that they had been refusing consignments of garden plants and produce from Holland, packed in hay and straw, which are being sold in the cattle markets throughout this country. Moreover, he informed the writer that his father's firm were timber workers in Worcestershire, and among their products was wood-wool. He added that, since the extensive outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease here, they had been working day and night to cope with the demand from the pottery firms for wood-wool, as the result of the recent phohibition by the U.S.A. of all British goods packed in straw or hay.

Perhaps you could use this information, and particularly that regarding the U.S.A. Government's action, as confirmation of the danger we are running in this country from packing straw from infected countries.—Yours, etc.,

F. and G. HUGHES.

Gresty, Crewe, December 18th, 1923.

DUBLIN STREET TRAFFIC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I believe that somebody in authority recently visited London, Liverpool, Birmingham, etc., to obtain some tips as to the management of traffic, with a view to improving it in Dublin—a thing very badly needed. I would like to know if he saw trams stopping at most unsuitable places, slow traffic in almost the centre of the streets, cyclists all over the place, motor lorries with no mud-splashers, pedestrians stepping blindly off the footpaths, boys yelling their newspapers for sale into people's ears, tram-drivers and motorists seeming to think that they own the streets, and the Corporation taking refuse through the thoroughfares late in the day. Such conditions as these would not be tolerated in any properly conducted city. The stopping of trams at unsuitable places was rectified in Grafton street. Why was it not put right in other places? The removal of these faults would not cost money, but, of course, a little common-sense would be required.—Yours, etc.,

"A.B."

Dublin, December, 19th, 1923.

MONEY-LENDERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Our new Government are passing many wise measures, and I consider that one of great urgency should be an Act regulating the interest charged by money-lenders, which should not exceed 10 *per cent.* This is the amount usually allowed by our judges, when some people with sufficient courage come before them praying for relief. The Act should also be retrospective as regards existing loans. It is difficult for outsiders to realise the havoc caused to our people by the atrocious methods of those human vampires. Interest usually works out at 250 *per cent.*, and in many cases I have known it as high as 500 *per cent.* I am a lawyer of over forty years' standing, and know, from sad experience, the horrors and tragedies resulting from this state of affairs. I respectfully request our Government to take immediate steps to safeguard and protect a large section of our people.—Yours, etc.,

"LEX."

Dublin, December 19th, 1923.

REVISION OF VOTERS' LISTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—A form was left at my residence respecting the above, and I called at Eason's to-day to get a copy of the recent Act respecting same, which, I thought, was passed. The only thing on sale was the Bill, as introduced, which, I understand, has not yet passed the Senate. Is there any other State in the world where a prospective Act is put in force before it is duly passed; and is this legal?—Yours, etc.,

"SHAUN LA."

Dublin, December 19th, 1923.

APPEALS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

IRISH DISTRESSED LADIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—You have always been kind enough to put in your paper my annual appeal to the public for warm garments for distressed ladies. This is a most exceptional year, as the winter has jumped on us so early and with such severity. It makes one shiver to think of anyone without warm clothes and a cosy fire; yet such is the case, I feel sure, with many. Boots and skirts, not too short and narrow, and thick coats and cloaks are most especially appreciated. There are many fortunate people who are well enough off to be able to buy new things when needed, and can then pass on their worn garments to the less fortunate, many of whom are old and require warmth. I, therefore, ask with confidence for help in this matter. All parcels should be sent to 20 Dawson street, Dublin.

Yours, etc.,

CONSTANCE BUTLER, Honorary Secretary,
Irish Distressed Ladies' Fund.
31 Wellington road, Dublin,
December 19th, 1923.

BELFAST HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.

The success which has attended the big boxing tournament promoted by Mr. J. Rice, in aid of the funds of the Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, Queen street, was detailed by the promoter at a meeting of the Committee yesterday evening. Mr. Rice announced that he was forwarding to the hospital a cheque for 100 guineas as the first instalment of what he hoped to raise. Ten guineas of this sum has been earmarked for the provision of gifts for the Christmas tree.

MUSIC HALL CONTRACT.

WELL-KNOWN ARTIST TO PAY £270 DAMAGES.

Mr. Talbot O'Farrell, the music hall artist, who was defendant in an action brought before Mr. Justice Rowlatt in the King's Bench Division, London, yesterday by the Variety Theatres Controlling Co., Ltd., and the South of England Hippodromes, Ltd., was ordered to pay £270 and costs.

Mr. Patrick Hastings, for the plaintiffs, said that by a contract of April 12, 1921, the defendant was engaged to appear at the Brighton Hippodrome on June 28, 1922, at £150 a week, and at Southampton on July 10, 1922, at £120 a week. There was a clause in the contract which provided that where an artist failed to appear to fulfil his engagement, except through illness or accident, he was to pay the management as liquidated damages a sum equal to the sum he would have received had he appeared.

Counsel said that Mr. O'Farrell had asked Mr. Gulliver, Controller of the plaintiff company, whether his engagements could be brought forward. That could not be done, but Mr. Gulliver told the defendant that he would not ask for the full amount of the damages. On his departure for Australia, however, the defendant saw fit to advertise in theatrical papers that Mr. Gulliver had treated him harshly.

Mr. Gulliver gave evidence, and in cross-examination admitted that the plaintiffs often changed the dates of an artist's engagement when a sufficiently long intimation was made. The witness said that it was impossible to change the dates of the defendant's engagements. He denied that the action was brought in order that he might be revenged on the defendant.

His lordship, in giving judgment, said that the damages could not be limited to any disappointment which might be felt when the curtain rose. The clause was put in to cover that situation. He did not think that there was a shadow of a defence to the action, and he accordingly entered judgment for the plaintiffs.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1923.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

An amendment designed to make the Free State Civil Service open to all citizens of the Empire was defeated in the Senate yesterday during the debate on the Civil Service Regulation (No. 2) Bill.—(Page 4.)

At Nenagh District Court on Tuesday, Captain F. R. Eustace, who was described as an ex-officer of the British Army and a master of foxhounds, was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment on a charge of being in possession of stolen goods and in possession of arms.—(Page 7.)

Awards amounting to £22,000 were made by the Recorder of Dublin yesterday in claims arising out of the fighting in the city in the year 1922.—((Page 4.)

Yesterday afternoon at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, a memorial tablet was unveiled to the memory of Dr. Elliott, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh.—(Page 4.)

Sir J. Walton Browne, a well-known ophthalmic surgeon, died in Belfast yesterday.—(Page 8.)

Returns issued yesterday show that during the present year the total tonnage launched from Belfast yards was forty thousand above last year's figures.—(Page 9.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

Yesterday the coming-of-age of Viscount Castlereagh, son and heir of the Marquis of Londonderry, was celebrated at Seaham Harbour, on Lord Londonderry's Durham estate.—(Page 4.)

There is no confirmation of the report of the death of Raisuli, but the famous bandit is said to be dying.—(Page 7.)

Foot-and-mouth disease was discovered yesterday among Irish cattle which had been on a farm in Norwich since December 11th. The Ministry of Agriculture has issued an order prohibiting hunting and coursing over large areas in England and Scotland.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

A German expert's claim to have designed a submarine that is in advance of any yet built is denied by our naval correspondent.—(Page 7.)

The King and Queen of Greece embarked on the steamer Daphne for Rumania yesterday afternoon.—(Page 7.)

A Russian plot to "Fly the Red Flag on White House" has been discovered.—(Page 7.)

SPORTING.

The Irish Badminton Close Championships were brought to a successful conclusion yesterday at Ballsbridge.—(Page 10.)

At Chelmsford yesterday George Poole won with Providence and Little Gem Rose.—(Page 10.)

In view of their meeting with Dublin University at Lansdowne road this afternoon, the Cambridge XV. played golf at Carrickmines yesterday.—(Page 10.)

The Crisis in Greece.

When the history of the Glücksburg dynasty comes to be written a tale of almost unrelieved gloom will be told. George I. of Greece was assassinated in 1913, Constantine was banished twice and died in exile, young Alexander succumbed to a monkey's bite, and now George II., with his consort, is on his way to Rumania. The choice of this German House seems to have brought ill-fortune to Greece. Constantine was sent into exile because he worked against the Allies. Greater Hellas then became a possibility; but when the war was over the people turned against M. Venizelos, to whom they owed almost everything, and, on the death of Alexander, insisted on recalling Constantine. He plunged the country into a disastrous war with the Turks, and abdicated in favour of his eldest son George, who was overshadowed by the revolutionary committee, with the notorious Colonel Plastiras at its head. Now the end has come. The recent elections returned the Republicans in a great majority, and showed a revulsion of feeling in favour of M. Venizelos, who has been a virtual exile since the return of King Constantine. The prejudice against the young King George became so strong that the officers of the Army demanded his immediate withdrawal from Greece. He has gone now, and, in all probability, he never will see the Palace of Tatoi again.

The revolutionary committee declares that the Glücksburg dynasty is responsible for the present divisions among the Greeks, and that it prevented the nation from entering the war on the side of its natural Allies for the sake of its family relationships with the House of Hohenzollern. Furthermore, the committee alleges, King Constantine broke the treaty with the Serbs, brought about the *débacle* in Asia Minor, and threw away the honour of Greece for the sake of "an ignominious Crown"; and finally, the present King engineered the recent fratricidal strife in the country simply in order to bolster up the tottering Throne. In so far as these charges relate to King Constantine, there is little doubt that they are justified. King George, however, never had a chance to do any harm. He was kept a prisoner in the Royal Palace at Athens, and was completely subservient to the wishes of Colonel Plastiras. His marriage with a Rumanian princess was calculated to consolidate the position of Greece in the Balkans, and, possibly, if the revolutionary committee had been composed of normal men, he would have been allowed to remain on the Throne, a harmless puppet. Colonel Plastiras and his friends, however, proved their temper when they massacred the Royalist Ministers after Constantine's abdication last year, and there is no doubt that they are capable of almost any folly.

The banishment of the young Greek King in itself is a matter of small importance. Dynasties are cheap in the Balkans, and one more or less will make little difference. The political implications of the step, however, are most important. Greece is extremely unpopular. The marriage of the Kings of Rumania and Serbia to Glücksburg princesses, as well as the marriage of King George to the daughter of the King of Rumania, served to create a nominal atmosphere of good feeling between the three countries; but, now that the dynasty has gone, anything may happen. Already Rumania and Serbia have asked the Allies to intervene on behalf of King George; but, as the present Greek Government never has been recognised formally by the Powers, neither Britain nor France is likely to interest herself in Greek affairs. Colonel Plastiras must work out his own salvation. If he puts his theories into practice and attempts to lead an irredentist movement for the recapture of Eastern Thrace and Asia Minor, Greece will disappear from the map and probably will be divided between Turkey and the neighbouring States, after the fashion of Poland at the end of the eighteenth century. M. Venizelos is the only man who can save the Greeks from themselves, but probably he is disgusted at the way in which he has been treated and will refuse to pull Colonel Plastiras's chestnuts out of the fire. In the meanwhile Greek credit has fallen heavily, and until the plans of the revolutionary committee are made known, the stability of the whole Balkan Peninsula is likely to suffer.

The Free State Civil Service.

The Senate of the *Oireachtas* has made a decision which is neither wise nor gracious. The Government proposes to confine the Free State Civil Service to citizens of the present or of a larger *Saorstat.* Yesterday, in the Committee stage of the Civil Service Regulations Bill, Senator Linehan proposed an amendment which sought to open the Civil Service to the citizens of any country that is a member of the Commonwealth of British Nations. The Minister for Finance, expressing the Government's views, spoke against the amendment, which accordingly was defeated. Mr. Blythe defended the principle of preference for the State's own citizens. He refused to believe that there was any danger of "reprisals." Finally, he held that the amendment raised no important issue, since the Free State's Civil Service would not be "particularly attractive to people from outside Ireland." The Government's view is ungracious, because it represents a poor response to the British people's liberal and high-minded attitude to our young State. Our Ministers were made completely "at home" at the Imperial Conference in London. They were received on terms of absolute equality with the Ministers of the other Dominions, were admitted to the Empire's most secret councils, and were invited, by every means that tact and courtesy could suggest, to realise that all the Empire's resources and opportunities were open to Irish energy and Irish brains. In the circumstances some measure of reciprocity might have been expected from the Government of the Free State, even as heroes in old time were wont to make a stately exchange of gifts. The Government's decision is unwise because it may prejudice, even in some small way, the prospects of some Irishmen in Britain and in the Dominions. Our young men will continue to seek their fortunes in all parts of the Empire. We agree with Mr. Blythe that there will be no official "reprisals." The great British services will accept, as heretofore, young Irishmen, who will prosper in accordance with their merits. It is not impossible, however, that some employers in civil life may be less magnanimous, and that, in England and in the Dominions, yesterday's decision of the Senate may become an obstacle to the careers of emigrants from the *Saorstat.* We are the more surprised by the Government's attitude because, if Mr. Blythe has spoken truly, there is no sort of necessity for any policy of "home preference." If the Government and the Senate agree with him that the number of external candidates for the Free State Civil Service will be negligible, they ought to recognise that they have done a very futile thing. They will have nothing at all to set against the feelings of disappointment which their decision may provoke throughout the Empire and the, perhaps, deeper feelings that it may provoke in Northern Ireland. We hope that the Government will change its mind and will adopt Senator Linehan's amendment before the Bill becomes law.

Smallpox.

The Poor Law Commissioners of the Dublin Union have instructed the relieving officers to enforce the Vaccination Act and to prosecute persons who ignore or defy it. There is a widespread epidemic of smallpox in Great Britain. Fresh outbreaks are reported from the Forest of Dean, in Gloucestershire, and from at least two other counties. Three years ago there were very few notifications of smallpox in England; but in 1922 they averaged nearly twenty a week, and in the present year the average is over forty-six a week. This alarming increase had been predicted confidently by the medical profession: it is due entirely to the terrible neglect of vaccination. There is a vast traffic between Great Britain and the Free State, and when we learn that last week sixty cases of smallpox were notified in England we must realise that danger exists for ourselves. The Dublin Poor Law Commissioners describe it as "serious danger." A case of smallpox was discovered recently at Queenstown on a ship which had come directly from London. No contagion followed, but the Free State may not continue to be so fortunate, and there is always a possibility that even the most vigilant precaution at the ports may be baffled. Nobody can contemplate without grave alarm the perils of an outbreak of smallpox on this side of the Channel. We have the worst and most congested slums in Europe, and the Vaccination Act has been disregarded on the widest scale. In some districts of the Free State there have been virtually no vaccinations for several years. If prosecutions are undertaken at once in Dublin, and if the magistrates do their duty, the capital will have set a good example to the whole country. We think, too, that the Government ought to take prompt steps to strengthen the sanctions of the law.

Old Playbills.

When "The Beggar's Opera" was first played Burke disapproved of it strongly: his serious conscience condemned its levity towards the marriage tie. We do not think that the opera's astonishingly long run in London, just closed, is accountable to its impropriety. The audiences were attracted by the wealth of old-world music, recalling old England as songs heard in youth recall our boyhood's memories. They went to recover the flavour of old times. The world is in a mood to live old days again. Two thirty-year-old comedies have been revived in London this week with rare success. Several revivals of plays which were running just before the war—which is as much as to say a life-time ago—are also in preparation. That perennial favourite, "Peter Pan," is starting on its twenty-first season. It is curious to remember that many of the children who will be taken this year to see what is now ranked as a classic are the orphans of those who saw the first performances as children, and have since died as men. Did not Elia find old playbills talismans of memory? We in this new, this bleak and lonely world, go to the old comedies to recapture for an hour the cordial atmosphere of days when our friends were an unbroken circle round us. We take the new generation to the plays, framed in merrier mood than we can command, in hope to tune their minds to the happy world that our fathers bequeathed to us. There is thus something wistful in these revivals of old laughter; but let us rather read from them the hopeful lesson that, after the anarchic interlude, life is renewing its old courses.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND PROTECTION.

POPULAR STORY DENIED.

Mr. Lloyd George has sent the following reply to a correspondent, who sent him a newspaper cutting of a recent speech, repeating a charge made during the election, that he had intended, on his return from America, to advocate a policy of protection:—

"18 Abingdon street, Westminster, S.W.,
"19th December, 1923.

"DEAR SIR,—I am exceedingly obliged to you for calling my attention to the speech delivered by Lord Bathurst in Cirencester, in which he is reported as having given the meeting that tit-bit of information known to a few for some time, but only now becoming general property—that Mr. Lloyd George came back from America prepared to wave suddenly the flag of Protection, hoping thus to get back to power by a large majority. The perturbing news that Mr. Baldwin had forestalled him was received in mid-ocean by wireless, and, as the result of a hurried conference with Sir Alfred Mond and other Liberals before leaving the vessel, Mr. Lloyd George decided to oppose Mr. Baldwin, and wait and see whether he could go in on some other line.

"The statement is pure invention. There is not a shread of truth in it. I reiterated my views on the question of Free Trade in the couple of speeches which I delivered this year before I went to America. I have not wavered in the least from that position.

"As I have heard from members who came up to town yesterday, from their constituencies, that this falsehood has been freely circulated, I am sending this leter to the Press.—Yours, faithfully,

(Signed) "D. LLOYD GEORGE."

ALEXANDRA COLLEGE.

STUDENTS' DAY.

One of the most popular events at the Alexandra College, Dublin, is the annual celebration of Students' Day. Since its inauguration on very modest lines in the mid-'eighties, many changes have taken place, and the programmes which have been presented record a remarkable advance in the originality of the entertainments provided. All the arrangements are left in the hands of the students, and the play, which always is the chief feature of the entertainment, is given by the College Dramatic Society.

The anniversary was celebrated last night in the College. When the list of the students' successes during the year had been read out in the Jellicoe Hall, the curtain rang up for the theatrical performance.

Scenes from "Northanger Abbey," specially arranged, were presented in four acts, and a most interesting performance was given. Miss Vida Smalley made a very sensitive Catherine Morland. Eleanor Tilney was cleverly played by Miss Cynthia Mears, and Miss Joyce Chancellor gave a vivacious rendering of the character of Isabella Thorpe. The men's parts were particularly well sustained. Miss Iris Crozier as Henry Tilney, and Miss Mildred Barwell as the General, call for special notice; and Miss Elaine Lambert made the most of the smaller rôle of James Morland. The scenes were well arranged, and the dresses were accurate and most effective. The following was the cast—General Tilney, Mildred Barwell; Eleanor Tilney, Cynthia Mears; Henry Tilney, Iris Crozier; Mrs. Morland, Frances Cowley; James Morland, Elaine Lambert; Catherine Morland, Vida Smalley; Mrs. Allan, Dora Pemberton; John Thorpe, Harvey Rutherford; Isabella Thorpe, Joyce Chancellor; the Maid, Maeve Smith.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference. — The anti-cyclone which extends from Iceland to the Bay of Biscay will maintain northerly winds and cold weather over the British Isles, with sleet or snow showers in places.

N.W. and N.E. Ireland. — Wind northerly, fresh or strong, squally; variable cloud; local showers of rain, hail or snow; visibility good; cold.

S.E. and S.W. Ireland. — Wind northerly, fresh or strong, squally; variable cloud; local showers of rain or hail; visibility good; cold.

All Seaboards.—Wind northerly, strong, a gale in places; variable cloud; local showers of rain, hail or snow; visibility good; sea rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

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Dublin—Wednesday (5 p.m.) 30.50

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To-day.... Rises ..	8.37	Sets	4. 7
To-morrow.. " ..	8.38	"	4. 8
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HIGH WATER.

Dublin.			
To-day.... Morning	9.37	Afternoon	9.59
To-morrow.. " ..	10.20	"	10.40
Belfast.			
To-day..... Morning	9. 7	Afternoon	9.30
To-morrow.. " ..	9.47	"	10. 5
Queenstown.			
To-day.... Morning	3.28	Afternoon	3.54
To-morrow.. " ..	4.15	"	4.33

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Theatre Royal—Varieties, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Gaiety Theatre—Closed.
Queen's Theatre—"Cinderella," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"The Dop Doctor," 6.45 and 9.
Tivoli Theatre—Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"A Dolls House," 8.15 p.m.
Metropole Cinema—"The Christian," 2, 4.20, 6.30, and 8.45 p.m.
Grafton Picture House—"Salome," 1 to 10.30 p.m.
Carlton Cinema—"The White Hope."
Sackville Picture House—"The Wonderful Chance."
Bohemian Picture Theatre—"A Guilty Conscience."
Princess Cinema, Rathmines—Fool's Paradise."
Stella Cinema, Rathmines—"One Stolen Night."
Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"The Cricket on the Hearth," 3.30 to 10.15 p.m.
Miss Elizabeth Graves' Song Recital—Molesworth Hall, 8 p.m.
Senate—Meeting, 3 p.m.
Port and Docks Board—Meeting, 1 p.m.
Dail Courts, 11 a.m.
Juvenile Fancy Dress Ball—Engineers' Hall, 3 to 6.
Grangegorman Mental Hospital, 2 p.m.
Dublin County Council—Meeting, 3 p.m.
City of Dublin Skin and Cancer Hospital, Holles Street, 4 p.m.

IRISH BROADCASTING STATIONS

The *Irish Radio Journal*, which has been issued this week, states that it learns on good authority that the site of the Irish Broadcasting station will be in Terenure, Co. Dublin, and that the British Broadcasting Company are erecting a station in Belfast. This new journal contains many articles concerning the inauguration of broadcasting in Ireland.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The King and Queen will leave Buckingham Palace on Saturday for York Cottage, Sandringham, where the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, and Prince George will join them for Christmas. Prince Henry is still at Windsor, where he has had some good shooting in the Windsor forest coverts. Princess Mary left London yesterday to join Viscount Lascelles at Goldsborough Hall.

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The Princess Royal will leave London on Saturday for Sandringham to spend Christmas with Queen Alexandra, who will also have with her Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Earl of Macduff. Lord Carnegie and Lady Maud Carnegie are expected back from the Continent on Saturday or Sunday, and will join the Royal party at Sandringham.

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To-morrow will be the fourth birthday of the only son of Captain the Hon. Alexander and Lady Patricia Ramsay, who bears the names of Alexander Arthur Alfonso David. The second name is that of his grandfather, the Duke of Connaught, and of his two uncles, Prince Arthur of Connaught and the Earl of Dalhousie.

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Captain Colin Buist, who was recently appointed Equerry to the Duke of York, was thrown while hunting with the Pytchley Hounds at Cransley. He is suffering from slight concussion of the brain, but is making good progress towards recovery.

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The Marquis of Bute has arrived in London from Rothesay. His eldest daughter, Lady Mary Crichton-Stuart, is expected to return from Spain to-morrow. Lady Maureen Stanley has joined the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry's family party at Wynyard Park for Christmas. Earl and Countess Spencer are in residence at Althorp Park, where they will remain till the middle of January. The Earl and Countess of Haddington will leave London to-day for Kelso, where they will receive an official welcome. Earl Beauchamp has left London and has joined Countess Beauchamp at Madresfield Court.

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The Earl and Countess of Kenmare are at their house in London, where they will spend the winter. Lord Inchiquin has arrived in Dublin from County Clare. Sir Joseph Tichborne has left England on a big game shooting expedition in Southern Soudan and British East Africa, and will not return until the spring. Lady Tichborne is spending the winter in London.

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The death is announced of Emilie Lady Ebury at Batchworth House, Rickmansworth. She was the daughter of the first Lord Annaly and aunt of the present peer. Her marriage with the second Lord Ebury took place in 1867, and she was left a widow five years ago. When the late Mr. George Wyndham and Countess Grosvenor occupied the Chief Secretary's Lodge in the Phœnix Park Lady Ebury was a frequent visitor there and took much interest in various philanthropic and social schemes. On at least one occasion she assisted in judging the cottages in the Clontarf district for the prizes offered by the Irish Peasantry Society.

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The marriage of Miss Mohica Singleton to Mr. Corbet Singleton, which was to take place to-day, is unavoidably postponed owing to illness of Mr. Singleton.

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Dr. Oliver Gogarty has left town until January the 1st.

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Mr. Walter Harvey has left 94 Mount Clarence, Dun Laoghaire, for a fortnight.

MARRIAGE OF CAPTAIN J. A. C. WHITAKER AND MISS PAMELA SNOWDEN.

The marriage took place on Tuesday, in London, in the Guards' Chapel, of Captain J. A. C. Whitaker, Coldstream Guards, and Miss Pamela Lucy Mary Snowden, elder daughter of the late Mr. Herbert Snowden and Mrs. Snowden, of Elm Park Gardens, London. The bridegroom is the only son of Colonel and Mrs. Albert E. Whitaker, of Babworth Park, Retford, and grandson of the late Mrs. B. M. Croker, the Irish novelist. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Colonel Hankey, was attired in white and silver brocade, the train to match being draped with old Brussels lace, of which the long veil, falling from a diamanté wreath of orange leaves and buds, was also composed. She was attended by four bridesmaids and one little train-bearer, who were dressed alike in cream panne velvet, daintily embroidered in gold thread, and with long wing sleeves, caught on the shoulders with gold ornaments and tassels. The bridegroom was attended by Captain Ian Menzies, who acted as best man. The ceremony was performed by the Archdeacon of Middlesex, assisted by the Rev. E. Clements and the Rev. F. James. The band of the Coldstream Guards played at the Chapel during the arrival and departure of the wedding party, and accompanied the choral portions of the Service. After the ceremony a reception was held at 12 Manchester square, at which a number of relatives and friends of both families were present. The honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Switzers New Restaurant, first floor, 90 Grafton street, entrance also by Débutante Gallery, to which two lifts operate continuously during the day. The Restaurant will remain open until 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

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Robert's Christmas Gift Exhibition of Fashion and Fancy Novelties, Useful Household Articles, and an abundance of Good Toys is worth an early visit.—Grafton street.

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Millinery Models all reduced to clear before stocktaking. Must be cleared.—Robert and Co., Ltd., 80/83 Grafton street.

Grand Hotel, Greystones, for Christmas week. Gala Dinners, Fancy Dress Ball, Carnival Dances.

Distinctive Model Overcoats and Fur-trimmed Costumes.—Campbell and Strahan, Ltd., 11 Wicklow street.

Special Christmas Sale this week at Madame Renée's, Harry st. (off Grafton st.). Alice (late Switzers) is now making Gowns at very special between season prices.—18 Stephen's Green.

Red Fox Stoles from 55s. Large Wolf Stoles from 3 gns. Real Skunk Stoles, 4 strands wide, from 6½ gns.—Brooke Tyrrell, Manufacturing Furriers, 5 Dawson street.

The "Geisha" Café, South King street, adjoining Gaiety Theatre—When Christmas shopping call for hot luncheons, good teas, home-made cakes and scones, chocolates. Real good value.

Useful Presents for the Kiddies. Some Dainty Frocks for the Christmas Parties, sizes 18" to 24", special price, 7s. 11d., at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton st. and 1 and 2 Harry st.

Victorian Evening Gown in rose patterned taffetas, with berthe of silver lace, for 7½ gns. at Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals:—Captain F. J. Griffiths, Mrs. Griffiths, Miss C. Griffiths, James R. Quirke, Miss D. Cooper, J. N. Milner, Major and Mrs. C. A. Heather, W. Ross, C. Kirkwood, Mrs. B. Kirkwood, Miss Kitty Kirkwood.

Departures:—Mrs. W. Byrne, Dr. Cyril Bradshaw, Miss L. I. Robinson, Major R. Ross-White.

Gift Exhibition and Toy Fair now open at McBirney's.

Yuletide Gifts—Sports Coats, Jumpers, Blouses, Bags, etc. Prices strictly moderate.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

Warm Underclothing—We are agents for the famous makes, "Jaeger," "Chilprufe," and "Pesco" Underclothing at keenest prices.—Robert and Co., Ltd., Grafton street.

Special three weeks' Sale of Winter Boots and Shoes, held up by port trouble. Great Bargains to effect speedy clearance.—Doyle and Son, Ltd., 38 Mary street, Dublin.

Gibson and Co., Ladies' Tailors, Specialists in designing and cutting. All models made on the premises. Inspection invited.—141 Lr. Baggot st.

THE GOVERNOR OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

The Governor of Northern Ireland and the Duchess of Abercorn left Belfast by the 1.40 p.m. train yesterday afternoon for Baronscourt, where they will spend Christmas. During the next few days they will be joined there by the members of their family.

We electors are not such fools as the politicians imagine.—Mr. Alfred Hopkinson.

LONDON LETTER.

A POLITICAL HOLIDAY.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

There is to be a lull in politics over the Christmas holidays. The Prime Minister has arranged to leave Downing street for his own country home on Friday, and he does not intend to return to London until the end of next week, when there will be a meeting of the Cabinet to prepare for the opening of the session. Mr. Ramsay Macdonald will remain in Scotland for the holiday season, and Mr. Asquith, in all probability, will go to his country house for a few days.

Liberals to-day profess to be highly satisfied with yesterday's meeting. Mr. Asquith insisted upon the independence of the party, and Mr. Lloyd George duly acknowledged the leadership of Mr. Asquith. Labour leaders, however, look upon the speeches with somewhat qualified approval. What Mr. Asquith said was satisfactory up to a point, but he left much unsaid, and the latest impression is that, while the Liberals would have no hesitation in displacing the present Government, they would have no compunction in repeating the process with the next Government when it suited their purpose. It is becoming more apparent that a Labour policy in Parliament will have little resemblance to a Labour programme on the platform, if their term of office is to be longer than a few hours. The realisation of this fact is dividing the party into two almost equally numerous parts, and those who urge the full "Red" policy are growing embittered with those who would water down the programme in accordance with the dictates of expediency.

Liberals and Labour.

The fogginess in the political atmosphere after the Liberal meeting yesterday still persists, and the only clear light in the situation is that the Liberal Party will take care that the Labour Party does not push matters to extremes. A capital levy, therefore, is out of the question in the present Parliament. The Liberals would not allow it, though they would be unable to prevent steps from being taken to bring it about unless supported by the Conservatives. It seems strange that, while Mr. Asquith and his followers frankly announce their intention of bringing the present Government down at the earliest moment, they persist in counting upon the support of the Government to keep them in office after they have driven the Labour Government out. All this sounds rather futile, but it does support the argument advanced by a goodly number of politicians that there should be a fusion of Liberals and Conservatives, not after a Labour Government has been defeated, but before it has a chance of being formed.

Reparations.

The visits paid by Sir John Bradbury to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald and Mr. Asquith in connection with the appointment of the reparations inquiry delegates are perfectly correct. The visits were paid to both these leaders not as possible Prime Ministers, but as representatives of different schools of public opinion. It is suggested to-day that Sir John would scarcely have paid a visit to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald unless so advised by Mr. Baldwin, and this is regarded as an indication that the Prime Minister when the time comes for his resignation will invite the King to send for the Labour leader. Sir John Bradbury, however, at the moment is a law unto himself; for he is acting for the Reparation Commission, and is perfectly at liberty to see whom he pleases concerning the appointment of delegates.

Labour's Difficulties.

When Labour rules and its Government occupies the benches to the right of the Speaker in the House of Commons it will be in for an experience which will be far from amusing. The party whips will have a particularly trying time; for the average Labour member is not very amenable to discipline and does not care to be dragooned by his leaders. Ever since Labour entered the House of Commons it has been noted for its paucity of attendance, and, with its numbers greatly increased, it is quite possible that the old carelessness will continue. Labour members, in company with many other members, rather incline to the view that they need worry only on great occasions when a full-dress debate is the prelude to an important division. The situation, however, will be very difficult when snap divisions and motions of adjournment and similar Parliamentary tactics will prevail, and may prove successful unless the Government supporters are present in full force.

A Bad Title.

Mr. Eden Phillpotts, the novelist, is seeking the impossible, I fear, when in *The Times* to-day he asks the Labour Party to abandon its distinctive title, and describe itself as "Socialist." It is quite true, as he says, that "Labour" is senseless as implying a principle, and that many thousands of men and women who work with their hands voted Conservative and Liberal at the last election while many who work with their brains voted Labour.

Half the Battle.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald and his colleagues are too well aware of the instinctive loyalty that the word "Labour" arouses in the breasts of many of the hand-workers to abandon a title which brings them in far more votes than "Socialist" is ever likely to do. A good title for a political party is half the battle. The Whigs survived for many decades after their original principles had been forgotten, and the Liberals are now holding on to a title which has very little relation to the principles of freedom all round that they used to profess.

A New Duke.

It is rumoured to-day that in the New Year's Honour's List a Dukedom will be conferred upon Lord Curzon, who is already a Marquis, an Earl, and a Baron. That he will receive a Dukedom seems improbable; for there has always been an indisposition on the part of the Crown to confer the premier title on those not of Royal birth. The last Dukedom conferred on a non-Royal person was that of Fife, when the then Earl of Fife was married to the eldest daughter of the Prince of Wales, and Queen Victoria gave a Dukedom as her present at the wedding breakfast. Since then there has several times been talk of a Dukedom being conferred on well-known statesmen, as in the case of the late Lord Salisbury, but it was never done. That the Marquis will receive a notable distinction is certain, but it will probably take the form of a decoration.

Greece in Trouble.

The King of the Hellenes, in all probability, will be very glad to leave his troubled throne for a period, if not for good; for his short reign has seen a succession of tragedies. He succeeded his brother, King Alexander, who died as the result of a monkey bite, while his father, the well-known "Tino," died in exile, and a number of his notable supporters were cruelly murdered by the revolutionists who now control the country. Memory of political events is short in these days, but it is not difficult to remember the thrill of horror felt throughout the civilised world at the story of the Greek ex-Ministers, one of whom was already a dying man, dragged to their death in a public square. What the Greek people really need is one of their ancient tyrants back again, a man who would rule with absolute power. Even in those days, however, the Greeks were very difficult to govern.

DON LETTER.

LITICAL HOLIDAY.

FLEET STREET, LONDON,
WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

o be a lull in politics over the holidays. The Prime Minister d to leave Downing street for ntry home on Friday, and he end to return to London until ext week, when there will be a the Cabinet to prepare for the he session. Mr. Ramsay Mac- remain in Scotland for the son, and Mr. Asquith, in all will go to his country house ys.

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HUNTING BAN IN ENGLAND.

COURSING ALSO STOPPED.

OFFICIAL ORDER

IRISH STORES TO BE KILLED.

FRESH OUTBREAKS.

OWING to foot-and-mouth disease having been discovered among Irish store cattle at Norwich, all the animals on the farm are to be slaughtered to-day. The diseased animals have been on the land since December 11th awaiting removal.

The seriousness of the situation throughout Great Britain has caused the Ministry of Agriculture to issue an order prohibiting all hunting or coursing in large areas of England and Scotland. In a statement last night the Ministry defends the policy of slaughter as against isolation.

NORWICH OUTBREAK.

IRISH CATTLE AFFECTED.

What is believed to be a serious outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease was discovered yesterday morning among a number of Irish store cattle at a farm near Harford, on the Ipswich road, Norwich. There are on the farm 300 head of cattle ready for dispersal, and the animals which are thought to be affected number 25, out of a bunch of 27, which have been on the farm since December 11th, awaiting removal.

Movement of animals has been prohibited in an area comprising the City of Norwich and a radius of fifteen miles.

Arrangements are being made for slaughter of all animals on the farm to-day.

FARMERS AND THE DISEASE.

At the monthly meeting in London yesterday of the Council of National Farmers, the President made a statement on the position regarding the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, especially in connection with the calamity which had befallen the dairy industry in Cheshire.

Some members expressed the opinion that the policy of slaughter in Cheshire had not succeeded in stamping out the disease, on account of the inadequacy of the staff available to deal with the carrying out of the policy, rather than through the inefficiency of the policy as such.

The Council expressed the opinion that careful investigation must be made as to the most efficient measures necessary to cope successfully at the outset with future outbreaks.

It was announced that a conference was arranged with the Technical officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, at Crewe, this week, to discuss the situation in Cheshire and the surrounding area.

A DRASTIC ORDER.

HUNTING AND COURSING PROHIBITED.

The Ministry of Agriculture last night issued the following:—

In view of the serious position created by the spread of foot-and-mouth disease, the Ministry of Agriculture to-day issued an order prohibiting the hunting with hounds, beagles, or other dogs, of any deer, fox, otter, badgers, hare, rabbits, or other wild animal, or vermin, in any area which is for the time being an infected area, prohibited area, or controlled area.

At the present time the following counties (or parts of counties) are included within these areas which embrace all the country wherein the movements of livestock can only proceed under licence:—

Aberdeen (part),	Notts,
Banff (part),	Derby,
Fife,	Stafford,
Perth,	Cheshire,
Kinross,	Denbigh,
Stirling,	Flint,
Dumbarton,	Salop,
Renfrew,	Hereford,
Lanark,	Worcester,
Ayr,	Warwick,
Clackmannan,	Leicester,
Berwick,	Monmouth,
Northumberland,	Gloucester,
Durham,	Norfolk,
Yorks (N. Rid.),	Cambridge (part),
Yorks (W. Rid.),	Isle of Ely,
Lancashire,	Suffolk, E. and W.,
Yorks (E. Rid.) (part),	Kent.
Lindsey (part),	

The Order also prohibits the use of any hounds or other dogs for coursing or racing in such areas. The new Order will take effect on Monday, 24th December.

Should no new development of the disease take place, it would seem probable that considerable areas in the counties of Warwick, Leicester, Notts, Lincoln, and Yorkshire can be withdrawn from the infected areas about the middle of January. Due notice will be given of such contractions of the dangerous area as will permit of the resumption of hunting.

Announcing the confirmation of the Norwich outbreak, the Ministry states that an Order has been made defining as an infected area the County of Norfolk, and adjacent parts of the counties of Cambridge, Isle of Ely, and Suffolk. The restrictions in this new area will be similar to those in force in the other areas in England, subject to the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Infected Areas) Order of 1923.

SLAUGHTER OR ISOLATION?

SIR HERBERT MATTHEWS'S VIEW.

There was a more optimistic feeling at the British Board of Agriculture yesterday concerning the foot-and-mouth disease epidemic. The number of new cases of premises infected on Tuesday was only 37, as compared with 48 the day before. The number of cattle, sheep, and pigs slaughtered up to date is 88,728. The total compensation amounts to £1,325,000, of which it is expected that £241,000 will be returned for the salvage of sound cattle.

Last year, said an official of the Ministry of Agriculture, experiments in isolation had been carried out. It was found that the average loss by death was about 10 per cent. But there was a further loss. Milch cows that had been affected by the disease were never afterwards of the same value. One quarter of the udder might be unfit for milking. Feeding cattle lost all the flesh they had put on before being attacked, and if they recovered from the disease they never fed up as before. It was estimated that the loss per beast was from £3 to £4 per head. Research had been going on for at least 25 years.

Sir Herbert Matthews, Secretary of the Central Chamber of Agriculture, in an interview yesterday, said—On the question of how to deal with the disease the unanimous opinion of all the Chambers is in favour of slaughter. That opinion has been arrived at after many years of bitter experience. The people who advocate isolation do not know what they are talking about. Isolation would entail far more inconvenience and cost than slaughter. The fight against the disease is being directed from a small room in London, where Sir Stewart Stockman is at his desk early and late.

Sir Stewart is the Chief Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, in addition to being Director of Veterinary Research. He was Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology in his native city of Edinburgh, and has also had much experience in South Africa and India. His force of inspectors of all ranks totals 74. The police and inspectors employed by local authorities communicate the news of fresh outbreaks, and inspectors of the Ministry lose no time in taking charge.

UNCOMPROMISING SLAUGHTER.

MINISTRY AND THE COST

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries yesterday issued an explanatory memorandum on the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease.

It states that the present policy of the Ministry in dealing with foot-and-mouth disease is the stamping out policy, viz., the extermination of the virus of the disease by the immediate slaughter of all affected animals, which, owing to their close contact with the former, are certain to be infected. Slaughter, it is explained, is considered the effective means of eradicating in an island country, the sea being the natural protection against reintroduction of infection by direct contagion. Canada, Australia and New Zealand have been entirely free from foot-and-mouth disease for many years. The United States and Sweden have adopted the slaughter policy, and it is assumed that Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and also Norway would adopt this policy if invaded by the disease. Other centres deal with the disease by isolating infected stock, and Denmark and Holland periodically free themselves from disease, but become re-infected from neighbouring countries.

As to the relative cost of slaughter and isolation, the memorandum states:—The Ministry has adopted the policy of slaughter since 1892, and has since that year enjoyed considerable periods of freedom from the disease, *viz.*, from 1895-1899, 1903-1907, 1909 and 1917. Every fresh invasion has been dealt with rapidly by slaughter at a total cost of £943,176 in compensation for animals slaughtered during the thirty-one financial years ended March 31, 1923. Estimating the total value of the animal stock of Great Britain, consisting at June, 1923, of 7,013,025 cattle, 20,598,331 sheep, and 2,796,531 pigs at about £300,000,000. This is equivalent to the payment by the State of an annual insurance premium of about £30,000, or 2½d. per £100. If the last two years, 1922-23, which can justifiably be regarded as abnormal, are excluded, the average animal cost of keeping the country free from the disease by the slaughter policy was little more than £9,000.

DEPLETION OF LIVE STOCK.

It has been contended that the slaughter policy seriously depletes the livestock of the country. The adoption of that policy in 1922, the worst year since 1884, involved the slaughter of 24,071 cattle, 21,831 sheep, 9,821 pigs. These figures represent but a small percentage of the total number of animals of each class in Great Britain—viz., cattle 0.35 per cent., sheep 0.1 per cent., and pigs 0.36 per cent.

The numbers of animals which have been slaughtered, or have been authorised to be slaughtered, up to the 16th December in connection with the present outbreak are 47,183 cattle, 20,014 sheep, and 22,125 pigs. The percentage relation of these figures to the livestock population is—Cattle .59 per cent., sheep .1 per cent., and pigs .79 per cent. So far, therefore, as their effect upon the livestock population is concerned the number of animals slaughtered is negligible.

It may be observed that the figures above quoted representing the livestock population in June, 1923, are, notwithstanding the adoption of the slaughter policy in 1922, the highest figures recorded for the past four years in the case of cattle, for the past five years in the case of sheep, and for the past twelve years in the case of pigs. The United States, in 1916, slaughtered every affected animal during a severe visitation, which lasted from 1914, at a cost of £1,500,000, equivalent to an expenditure in this country at the present of about £2,500,000. Since 1916 the United States have been free from the disease.

As to the disease in Great Britain, it was estimated that the loss in Cumberland and Westmorland during the seven years preceding 1878 was not less than £43,000 per annum. If the estimate extended to the whole of Great Britain, the annual loss could be put at £1,500,000 per annum in the lower values of that day. In Holland, slaughter was the policy, but this was abandoned when the expenditure reached £50,000. It was found that the annual loss to farmers from the disease being allowed to gain a footing through the adoption of the isolation policy reached £2,500,000. In France isolation and treatment in a recent year cost at least five million pounds.

UNSUITABILITY OF ISOLATION.

The memorandum advocates the policy of slaughter as against isolation, and states:—Great Britain is more unsuitable for an isolation policy than the Continent, as in this country sheep stock greatly preponderate, and these cannot be successfully isolated, as in many districts they run together in thousands on common pasture lands. The export trade of this country in pedigree stock is a very important and valuable one. In the four years 1918, 1919, 1920, and 1921, the average annual value of the export trade in cattle, sheep, and pigs was £700,175. Foreign Governments impose restrictions on the importation of stock from Great Britain when disease exists, and the export trade in 1922 was, on this account, reduced in value to £230,925. If disease became epidemic, as it almost certainly would under a policy of isolation, the export of pedigree stock to those countries which have been our best customers would cease.

The general conclusion is that if isolation and treatment could be made effective, it would have been accomplished in France and Germany, but those countries had failed to prevent the disease spreading. The abandonment of the policy of slaughter in favour of one of isolation and treatment in Great Britain would be tantamount to admitting that, notwithstanding the natural protection afforded by the sea, this country must in future place itself on a level of equality with other Western European countries as regards foot-and-mouth disease. The disease could not be prevented from becoming epidemic, and the losses and inconvenience to farmers and livestock traders which would result from the disease and from the operation of restrictions imposed, not only by the central authority, but also by the various county authorities, would become permanent, and the internal trade of the country in stock would suffer considerably; the average annual losses to the country might easily reach as high as £2,000,000, compared with the average annual cost of £30,000 incurred in carrying out the slaughter policy during the past thirty-one years. Finally, this country would lose its pre-eminent position as regards the export trade in pedigree stock.

PRINCE'S HUNTING ARRANGEMENTS.

Owing to restrictions, due to foot-and-mouth disease in the Melton Mowbray district the Prince of Wales will hunt for a time in the Whaddon Chase and Bicester countries. Some of his hunters have been sent to Winslow, and others are going to Leighton Buzzard.

MR. FORD'S DECISION.

WILL NOT RUN AGAINST PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, Wednesday.

Mr. H. Ford, the multi-millionaire motor car manufacturer, declared to-day at Detroit that he would not in any circumstances or "on any ticket" allow himself to be nominated against President Coolidge in next year's Presidential election.

It would, in Mr. Ford's opinion, be a wise and natural thing for all parties to agree to the nomination and election of Mr. Coolidge, as 90 per cent. of the American people feel satisfied that he is a perfectly safe man, and that the country is safe in his hands.

"If this is so," remarks Mr. Ford, "why change? No man has the right to say he will not consider the acceptance of public office, but I will say that I am never for one moment think of running against Coolidge." In the present situation I am for Coolidge."

AMERICAN CONSULATE ROBBED

RIGA, Wednesday.

The Latvian police have arrested a man who is charged with having stolen £1,600 from the American Consulate here last month.—(Reuter.)

PENSION FOR MADAME CURIE.

PARIS, Wednesday.

The Chamber has unanimously adopted a bill to award an annual pension of 40,000 francs to Madame Curie, as a tribute from the nation to her scientific work.—(Reuter.)

POSSESSION OF STOLEN GOODS.

MASTER OF FOXHOUNDS IMPRISONED.

REMARKABLE PROSECUTION AT NENAGH.

At Nenagh District Court on Tuesday, before Mr. J. M. Flood, Captain F. R. Eustace, an ex-officer of the British Army, was charged with having been in possession of stolen property, consisting of 240lbs. of bacon, a quantity of biscuits, soap, candles, etc., and also with being in possession of firearms.

Defendant resides at Grenanstown, Toomevara, Nenagh, and is Master of the local foxhounds.

Mr. James O'Brien, State Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. P. MacGrath, solicitor, appeared for the defence.

The evidence went to show that accused, with two other men not yet arrested, visited Mr. J. J. Blake's publichouse in Puckane, five miles from Nenagh, where the two men offered the goods for sale. A dispute arose between the publican and the two men. Soldiers from Nenagh were summoned to the place by Sergeant O'Shea, of Coolbawn Barracks, but the two men made their escape, and Captain Eustace, with whom was a woman in a motor car, was placed under arrest.

Mr. MacGrath, for the defence, pleaded that Captain Eustace's car, in which he was driving to visit Captain Saunders, of Coolbawn, was seized by the two men already mentioned.

Mrs. Coldwell, who gave an address in England, corroborated Captain Eustace's version of the case.

Civic Guard Carroll stated that, when speaking to Captain Eustace, he saw him take a revolver from his pocket when looking for cigarettes, but for the defence Mr. McGrath argued that what the Guard saw was a motor spanner.

Martin Flannery, of the Grand Canal Company, Kilgarvan quay, identified the goods as having been stolen from the stores on the night of the arrest.

Mr. Flood said that he was unable to accept the theory that Captain Eustace acted under duress. He imposed a sentence of twelve months' imprisonment.

As there is no appeal from the District Court, Captain Eustace was removed from Nenagh to Limerick Jail yesterday to undergo his term of imprisonment.

Captain Eustace is a large landowner in the district of Grenanstown, Toomevara.

Mr. Flood congratulated the Civic Guards and the State Solicitor on the able manner in which the case had been conducted.

BOUNDARY QUESTION.

DEPUTATION TO MINISTERS.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

In accordance with a resolution passed at a public meeting of electors of Tyrone and Fermanagh immediately after the result of the recent election for that united constituency was declared, when two anti-Partitionist candidates were elected for the second time in succession, a deputation waited upon President Cosgrave and other Ministers on Tuesday to lay their case for inclusion of these two counties in the Saorstat before the Government.

One of the principal Ministers concerned declined to give any information as to what transpired at the interview, saying that he understood that a report would be supplied from the Publicity Office.

The Publicity Office people stated last evening that they had got no report to supply.

No person in the office of the President had any information to give on the subject.

"KING SINCLAIR."

AMERICAN OIL MAGNATE AND ALBANIAN THRONE.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

The report that the Albanians desired Mr. Harry Sinclair, the oil millionaire, as King of Albania, is the subject of much facetious comment in the newspapers here.

The *New York World* states that the report was first taken as a joke, but later despatches from Europe showed that it was being taken seriously over there. However, no one at the Sinclair offices could be induced to credit the story. One commentator declared that Mr. Sinclair, like most Americans, "would rather hold four kings than be one."

The *New York Times* says that Mr. Sinclair's associates at the Sinclair headquarters received the news in a humorous spirit. Telegrams, the paper adds, have been received at the Sinclair office addressed to King Sinclair.—(Reuter.)

REPARATIONS EXPERTS.

STATEMENT BY SIR JOHN BRADBURY.

The following statement was made last night by Sir John Bradbury:—"As a result of the conversations which I have had in London and elsewhere about the selection of the British members of the two committees of experts to be appointed by the Reparation Commission, I am now in a position to suggest to my colleagues on the Reparation Commission names which, I am satisfied, will be acceptable in financial circles, and to the public generally, and which will have the cordial approval of His Majesty's Government.

"No announcement can be made until these suggestions have been approved by the Reparation Commission, with whom the appointment rests. But I hope to be able to make a statement immediately on my return to Paris."

Sir John left London last night by the boat train for Paris.

Sir John, in a previous statement, said that his visit to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald was for the same purpose for which he had seen Mr. Asquith and the leading authorities of the City, namely, to consult them as to the general acceptability of the names of certain people who have been suggested for the Expert Committee.

TANGIER AGREEMENT.

EXCLUSION OF ITALY.

ROME, Wednesday.

Signor Tittoni, President of the Senate, and former Italian Ambassador in Paris, comments in the *Giornale d'Italia* to-day on the exclusion of Italy from the conclusion of the Tangier agreement, declaring that this exclusion was unjustified because, although by the declaration of October 28, 1912, signed by M. Poincaré and Signor Tittoni himself, it was mutually agreed that no obstacle should be placed in the way of any measures which France might deem it necessary to order in Morocco or Italy in Lybia, this agreement was only applicable to that part of Morocco under the French Protectorate, and not to Tangier.

The agreement of 1915, continues Signor Tittoni, abolished the capitulations in the French zone of the Sherifian Empire, but this abolition was not extended to Tangier, for Tangier did not form part of this zone, and in a Note accompanying the copy of the agreement M. Briand stated that, in spite of the state of war, nothing was changed in the position resulting from the adhesion of Italy to the Franco-German Convention of November 4, 1911, which excluded Tangier from the Moroccan zone over which the rights of France were recognised.

Signor Tittoni declares that the agreements of 1912 and 1916 confirm the rights of Italy.—(Reuter.)

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

It is officially announced that the State opening of Parliament by the King in person will take place on Tuesday, January 15.

POLISH CABINET DIFFICULTY.

WARSAW, Wednesday.

M. Ladislas Grabski is still endeavouring to form a Cabinet. He had a conference with the President yesterday evening.—(Reuter.)

UNWRITTEN LAW BROKEN.

NEGRO AND EMPLOYER SHOT DEAD.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

For many years it has been the unwritten law in Marlow, Oklahoma, that no negro may stay there overnight.

Posted in conspicuous places throughout the town are signs reading: "Negro, don't let the sun go down on you here."

Until three days ago the injunction has always been observed. Then one of Marlow's best-known citizens, Mr. A. W. Birch, disregarding public opinion, engaged a negro named Robert Jerrigan to be porter at his hotel.

Yesterday fifteen men, without the slightest effort to conceal their identity, took Jerrigan from the hotel to lynch him. When Birch tried to dissuade them from carrying out their plan they shot him dead, as well as the negro.—(*Times* telegram.)

RAISULI.

NOT DEAD—BUT SERIOUSLY ILL.

The Moorish Consul at Gibraltar informed Reuter's Correspondent that Raisuli is known to be seriously ill, but there is no confirmation of the report of his death.

A Tangier telegram states that, according to the latest rumours Raisuli's condition is serious.

A message received in Paris states that it is definitely known that Raisuli has been ill with dropsy since the beginning of November, and that his condition has been growing worse every day, and that prayers have been offered up for him.

The Spanish have offered him the assistance of a Spanish doctor, but Raisuli declined the offer, stating that he preferred the services of an Arab doctor who belonged to his native tribe. It is expected that the illness will terminate fatally in a short time.

Raisuli is reported to have suffered a keen disappointment at the failure of his candidature for the Califat of Tangier.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

The Free State Civil Service was discussed in the Senate yesterday. A full report appears on page 4.

LADY CARNARVON WEDS.

EARLY MORNING CEREMONY AT REGISTRY OFFICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Wednesday.

Almina Countess of Carnarvon, widow of the late Earl, and Colonel Ian Dennistoun, formerly of the Grenadier Guards, were married at St. George's Register Office, Prince's Row, Buckingham Palace road, London, to-day. Their engagement was announced only yesterday.

The wedding was fixed for 9.30 a.m., and a few minutes before that time the bride and bridegroom, accompanied by Lady Evelyn Beauchamp, daughter of the bride, drove up in a taxi-cab. Inside the office several friends awaited their arrival.

Lady Carnarvon wore a black velvet coat, with fur trimming at the hem and on the sleeves, and a large black hat, trimmed with black lace. Her daughter was dressed in dark brown. The bride looked diminutive beside the bridegroom, who wore a dark overcoat and a light felt hat.

The witnesses who signed the register were Lady Evelyn Beauchamp, Mr. A. M. Fryzer, and Mr. G. R. Frere. The ceremony was concluded within fifteen minutes, and the bride and bridegroom, with Lady Evelyn Beauchamp, immediately drove away in a taxi-cab.

A small reception was afterwards held, following which the newly-married couple left for the country.

ARMED RAID IN DUNDALK.

£64 SEIZED FROM OFFICE SAFE.

On Tuesday evening two armed and masked men entered the offices of Messrs. Lockington and Co., coal merchants, Dundalk, and carried off about £64.

The raiders were masked, having hoods over their heads and houlders, and covering portion of their coats.

At 5.40, when a clerk was counting the money, the men, armed with revolvers, came round the counter. One of them pushed the clerk into a corner, ordering him not to shout. At that time the safe was open, and the other raider snatched a sheaf of notes out of it, and about £4 in silver.

So quickly was the robbery carried out that clerks in the adjoining offices were not aware of what had happened until it was all over.

AFGHAN TROUBLE.

DEMONSTRATION BY BRITISH AEROPLANE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Wednesday.

The British Government and the Indian Government are both awaiting the result of the expedition of the Amir of Afghanistan's Army in search of the frontier murderers. It is understood that if the British authorities are not notified that a determined attempt is being made to hunt out the culprits and deliver them up to justice fresh pressure will be brought to bear upon the Kabul Government.

The position is undoubtedly serious. The attitude of the Afghans has been regarded as very unsatisfactory for months past. It is believed that Turkish emissaries have been attempting to foment trouble.

Afghanistan has recently imported a great deal of arms, and the Government has introduced a new conscription scheme, by which one man out of eight is taken for the Army. These preparations have created considerable local feeling.

The official attitude of the British and Indian Governments appear to be that murder gangs committing outrages on the North-West frontier must not be allowed to find a safe base for their operations in Afghanistan.

PESHAWAR, Wednesday.

A demonstration against the Bhittani tribe was made on the 11th inst. by British aeroplanes on account of one of our survey parties having been fired on.

Considerable excitement prevails at Kandahar in consequence of the Afghan Government's new compulsory recruitment scheme. The Afghan General, Nadir Khan, is visiting Kandahar.—(Reuter.)

THE TURIN ARREST.

ENGLISHMAN SUSPECTED OF BEING MAJOR BAILEY.

TURIN, Wednesday.

It appears that the Englishman who is being detained here by the police on the suspicion that he is Major Bailey, went to the British Consulate and asked for sufficient money to travel to France, third class.

The Consul refused the request, and, on hearing later that the man had been acting in a suspicious manner, he had him detained by the Italian police pending investigations.—(Reuter.)

GOLD SHIP FOUND.

A RELIC OF THE CRIMEAN WAR.

BIGA, Wednesday.

Wreckage has been discovered in the Black Sea of part of the ship which foundered when carrying gold for the British forces during the Crimean war. Experts consider that there are good prospects of locating and raising the gold.—(Reuter.)

"RED FLAG OVER WHITE HOUSE."

RUSSIA'S PLANS FOR A RISING IN U.S.

FIGHTING UNITS.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

In support of the refusal of Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State, to negotiate with Russia, the State Department has published intercepted instructions from the Soviet Government to the Workers' Party in America, giving detailed plans for a proletariat revolution in the United States to raise the Red flag over the White House.

A part of the programme provided for the organisation of fighting units, who must weekly give instructions in shooting and sappe work.

The Soviet document declares:—"We are firmly convinced that work in the direction indicated by us will give enormous results in sense of preparing thousands of new propagandists and future leaders of the military forces of the party and faithful fighters during the social revolution."

The State Department has made the instructions public without explanation, further than showing the direct connection of the Soviet Government with the plans.

The publication shows the basis of the charges made by Mr. Hughes in pointing out to M. Tchitcherin that Russia was continuing revolutionary propaganda in America.—(Reuter.)

TEARS FOR ROYAL EXILES.

HOW KING GEORGE II. LEFT GREECE.

ATHENS, Wednesday.

The King and Queen of the Hellenes left Greece for Constanza at half-past four this afternoon. Only about fifty people were present on the Royal landing stage at the Piræus, from which a motor launch conveyed Their Majesties to the steamer Daphne.

They were mostly the King's *Aide-de-Camp*, members of the Royal Household, and a few Greek and foreign journalists.

Colonel Gouatas, the Prime Minister, was the only representative of the Revolutionary Government, and M. Jouvara, the Rumanian Minister, the only member of the diplomatic corps.

King George II., who wore a black suit and a light grey felt hat, said good-bye and shook hands with everybody with a dignified expression, but when he entered the launch his efforts to restrain his tears were apparent.

Queen Elizabeth, in a grey tailor-made costume and a small grey toque, and carrying a bunch of white roses, smiled bravely throughout the farewells, whispering encouraging words to the weeping members of her household.

When Their Majesties reached the Daphne the Royal Standard was hoisted and a salute of twenty-one guns was fired.

Admiral Kouduriotis, who was Regent after the death of the King's brother, King Alexander, in 1920, will again be sworn in as Regent to-morrow.—(*Times* telegram.)

ATHENS, Wednesday.

The Government has officially informed the foreign Diplomatic Missions that the departure of the Royal couple for Rumania is temporary, pending the settlement of the question of the *regime* by the Constituent Assembly.—(Reuter.)

MARTIAL LAW.

UNREST AMONG UNEMPLOYED IN THURINGIA.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BERLIN, Wednesday.

Growing unrest amongst the unemployed in Thuringia, with frequent riots, brought the occupation of the town of Rulha by the Reichswehr to-day.

Martial law has been declared, and all public meetings are forbidden, even cinemas being forced to close at 7 p.m. All traffic is forbidden on the streets between seven in the evening and six in the morning.

A disastrous fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, occurred at the big estate of Dasselgut, near Celle, during the night.

CHESTER CONCESSIONS.

REPORTED ANNULMENT.

A telegram from Angora states that the Commissioner of Works yesterday notified Mr. Clayton Kennedy's agent of the annulment of the Chester Concessions.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

Mr. Knowles, counsel to the Ottoman-American Development Company, announces the formation of a syndicate of London banking houses, with a capital of £5,000,000, to which the control of the Chester Concessions may eventually pass if the company fails to obtain the necessary capital in America.—(Reuter.)

SEIZED LIQUORS.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN AMERICA.

Federal prosecutors to-morrow intend to start legal proceedings for the condemnation and destruction of 25,000 dollars' worth of wine, brandy, and other liquors which were seized last summer on board four liners, under the ruling of Mr. Daugherty, Attorney-General, forbidding the bringing of liquor into the United States waters under seal.

The matter has hitherto been held in abeyance pending negotiations with Great Britain over the extension of the right of search beyond the three-mile limit.—(Reuter.)

MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

REBEL SUCCESSES.

VERA CRUZ, Wednesday.

Newspapers reports state that an armistice is being arranged, and that General Huerta has communicated with General Martinez, of the Federalist troops, relative to the cessation of hostilities.

It is stated that the Obregonists have lost a hundred men in a unsuccessful sally against the revolutionaries at San Marcos.

Federal troops report that the rebel forces which have been attacking Itallahermosa for the past two days have suffered heavy losses in the heaviest fighting of the present revolution.

Correspondents with the rebel forces report that the Federal troops have been forced to withdraw again from San Marcos upon Huamantla. General Cavazos, the Federal Chief of Staff, has been killed.—(Reuter.)

NEW ORLEANS, Wednesday.

The Mexican Consul-General says that the rebels yesterday took over Merida, the capital of Yucatan.—(Reuter.)

BAVARIAN GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

BERLIN, Wednesday.

In the Bavarian Diet, to-day, the Plenary Powers Bill was rejected. The fall of the Coalition and the dissolution of the Diet are, therefore, possible.—(Reuter.)

LISBON BOMB OUTRAGE.

LISBON, Tuesday.

A powerful bomb exploded to-day in the buildings of the Royalist newspaper, *Correio Manha*, causing considerable damage. The explosion is supposed to have been an act of revenge on the part of printers who were discharged as the result of the recent strike.—(Exchange.)

Prince Valdemar, uncle of the King of Denmark, has left for California, where he will meet his son, Prince Erik.

TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

CHAOS IN CHINA.

A SHAMEFUL SITUATION

The Times in a leading article says:—Superficial thinkers argue that because China in the long ages of her immemorial history has sunk at many periods into chaos and has as often revived comparative order by her unaided effort, she will in time recover from her present anarchy if she is left to herself. But the argument is not sound. It assumes that time is not more important in the process of recovery than it was when China lived down the Tartar invasion or when she assimilated the Manchus. It assumes, too, that for the whole duration of the regenerative process she will remain undisturbed by foreign Powers. Probably she would recover were these assumptions true. The first, however, is manifestly false, and the second is in the last degree improbable. Time has completely changed its value in history, and the change is proceeding with intensified rapidity.

The Chinese have succeeded hitherto in trading upon the differences of the Powers—never more conspicuously than in their bland insolence over the Lingchen outrage of last May. The incident revealed to them the dangerous secret that all the diplomatic apparatus of the united Powers may be defied with impunity. The mere prospect of an effective common policy by the Powers would abate this insolence in a week, and lead to serious efforts at reform by the Central Government. Or, if the Powers preferred to bring one or several of the Tuchuns, as ideal possessors of power, to their knees, the operation would set them all bowing like China dolls. But in the absence of a common policy, conferences on tariffs or an anything else are foredoomed to futility. There remains the faint hope that in the sordid scramble for place and for loot among factions, whom no pretence of principle divides, the Chihli faction may prevail. It is in office, and there is just a chance that it may extend its sway. It may be not more capable or less corrupt than the others, but as one tyrant is better than many, its predominance might tend to ameliorate a situation intolerable and shameful to all concerned.

UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA.

NEGOTIATIONS BELIEVED TO BE AT AN END.

The Times Correspondent at Washington writes:—The publication of Mr. Hughes's declaration to the Soviet Government, that he sees no reason for negotiations, and that the United States Government is not proposing to barter away its principles, has materially changed the complexion of Russian-American relations. As matters now stand, no reply, or only a reply equalling Mr. Hughes's Note in abruptness, is expected from Moscow, and there is small expectation that any further overtures will be made from either side during the remainder of the term of the present Administration.

There is no question that the passage in President Coolidge's message, which was taken by Moscow as an olive branch, had its inspiration in Senator Borah, of Idaho, and others of the Progressive group who are interested in reaching an accommodation with Russia, and also, perhaps, in the President's desire to put his relations with the Progressives in the Senate on a friendlier basis. Equally, there is no doubt that the tenor of the Soviet reply was known to the Progressives in advance. Mr. Borah and others make no secret of the fact that Mr. Coolidge had led them to believe that he would continue to move in a friendly sense and tone, and the matter of Mr. Hughes's Note came to them yesterday with a shock of surprise.

AERIAL NAVIGATION.

THE POSITION IN ENGLAND.

The Times, in a leading article on the advance of British aviation, refers to the appointment of the two Government nominees to the Board of Directors of the company which is to be responsible for the future of commercial aviation, and adds:—British aviation, British Governments and the British public have so far signally failed to take full advantage of the solid benefits offered them by aerial navigation. Quite apart from the fact that the military air power, deliberately thrown away after the Armistice, is only being built up again by slow degrees, the commercial possibilities of air transport have, in comparison with the efforts of other Great Powers, been shamefully neglected.

The establishment of the Imperial Air Transport Company is, it may be hoped, a sign that at last all concerned are determined that Great Britain shall no longer lag behind in the great international air race; for that, from a commercial point of view, is the essential need of the day in the air. If we as a country are to keep our place among the nations, statesmen and business men, no matter what their party, must work with aeroplane designers and pilots to give to England a combination of air services for the transport of trade and passengers second to no other in the world.

DEATH OF VISCOUNT HILL.

The Times announces the death, at his London residence yesterday, at the age of sixty, of Viscount Hill, head of an old Shropshire family. The first Viscount was the famous Peninsular General who became Commander-in-Chief of the British Army.

WINDFALL FOR VISCOUNT LONG

The *Daily Express* says that it understands that, under the will of the late Captain Quintin Dick Viscount Long and his son, Captain the Hon. Eric Long, succeed to a legacy approaching £100,000. Captain Dick was a cousin of Viscount Long.

BOARD OF TRADE WAR MEMORIAL

UNVEILED BY MR. BALDWIN.

At the Board of Trade yesterday, Mr. Baldwin unveiled a memorial to officials of that department who fell in the Great War.

The Prime Minister, in the course of his speech, said—To many of us the last five years have been years of disenchantment, and yet every cloud has a silver lining, and we can take strength from this fact, that through all the difficulties of the time the strength and moderation of the character of our people has once again shown itself. In our country, almost alone, have we had freedom from unconstitutional rebellion; and, more than that, we may say that feelings of hatred and vengeance have no permanent root in our hearts.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Chaplain-General to the Forces, Bishop Taylor Smith.

After the unveiling, which was performed amid a roll of drums the trumpeters of the Royal Horse Guards sounded the "*Reveille*" and the "Last Post."

The memorial consists of a bronze tablet mounted in an oak frame, sur

could block the Panama Canal and bottle up the Straits of Gibraltar or the Suez Canal with equal ease.

"It could, in fact, without let or hindrance," he asserts, "sow mines in any fairway likely to be used by ships in such a manner as to render it almost hopeless for minesweepers to attempt to cope with them."

BRITISH LEAD.

MYSTERY OF THE NEW SUBMARINE.

FROM OUR NAVAL CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday.

From the technical point of view, Professor Flamm's designs are interesting enough, but there is certainly no justification for the claim that they would revolutionise naval warfare.

If the Admiralty would only permit details of our latest submarine, the X 1, to be disclosed, the public would find that the British Navy already possesses an under-water cruiser which in size, speed, armament, and other qualities, is superior to all but the largest boat projected by Professor Flamm.

That German naval architects have been devoting close attention to submarine design since the war is no secret. Professor Flamm proposes a submarine of 7,067 tons. Our latest submarine the X 1, now running her sea trials, displaces not far short of 4,000 tons when fully submerged. British constructors are quite capable to-day of designing an under-water vessel of 10,000 tons if so instructed.

Technically, there is virtually no limit to the dimensions of submarines. The real difficulty lies in running them manageably below the surface. In very large submarines quick diving necessitates water being admitted to tanks at the rate of 300 tons per minute, so that the weight of the boat is increasing by five tons a second. If too much water is admitted she may dive below safety limit, and be in danger of having her sides crushed in by the tremendous hydrostatic pressure.

It is quite possible that Professor Flamm has been able to reduce this danger to a minimum by various devices, which, however, are not unknown in this country.

It can be said with absolute confidence that British constructors are now ahead of all others in technical knowledge and experience of all features of submarine design.

DISPUTED FUNDS.

NEW DEVELOPMENT IN SUIT BY FREE STATE.

Mr. Justice Wagner, of the New York Supreme Court, says a Reuter's New York message, has signed an order making effective the recent decision requiring and permitting Messrs. de Valera, Stack and Barton to testify against the Free State in the suit by the latter to impress money deposited in New York banks in the name of the Irish Republic.

In the event of Mr. de Valera and the others mentioned being prevented from testifying, the effect of the order will be to cancel the injunction against the withdrawal of the funds, and the Free State will be for ever debarred from taking further proceedings in the matter.

It is expressly stipulated in the order that Mr. de Valera and Messrs. Stack and Barton must testify before the American Consul-General in Ireland between January 10 and February 28.

The funds which are the subject of the suit amount, roughly, to about £550,000 (two and a quarter million dollars), and are the proceeds of "drives" in support of the issue of Irish Republican bonds in the United States. The trustees in whose names the funds are lodged are Mr. de Valera, Mr. Stephen O'Mara, and the Most Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe.

BIG RAILWAY ORDERS.

LONDON AND NORTH-EASTERN PROGRAMME.

The directors of the London and North-Eastern Railway Company have approved locomotive, carriage, and wagon-building programmes for 1924, involving an expenditure approaching five and a half million pounds. Over 700 carriages are to be constructed at a cost of £1,700,000. These will include four complete dining-car trains for the London King's Cross and Edinburgh service, and two entirely new trains for the Harwich boat service.

Over 400 of these vehicles will be built in the company's workshops, and nearly 300 intended for the London suburban services will be put out to contract.

The locomotive programme, costing £1,270,000, provides for the building of 273 engines. One hundred and four will be built in the company's workshops, 125 large mineral engines of the Great Central type are to be purchased from the Government, and 44 express passenger engines are to be built by contract—viz., 20 at Glasgow, 12 at Newcastle, and 12 at Leeds. The 20 to be built at Glasgow by the North British Locomotive Company will be of the Pacific type, of 2,000 horse-power—the most powerful engines in Great Britain. Many of the same type are also being built in the company's shops.

The wagon-building programme provides for over 12,000 vehicles, costing just under £2,400,000. These will be built in the company's workshops, but 80 refrigerator vans and 300 goods brakes will be put out to contract.

CANTON CUSTOMS.

SUN-YAT-SEN'S APPEAL TO AMERICANS.

HONG KONG, Wednesday.

Sun-Yat-Sen's ultimatum in regard to the Canton Customs expired to-day, and up to the present nothing has happened. Sun declares that he will avoid force, but has other strings to pull. Yesterday he issued an appeal "to my friends, the American people." In this he said—"The revenue belongs to us by every right known to God and man. We must stop that money from going to Peking to buy arms to kill us, just as your forefathers stopped taxation going to English coffers, by throwing English tea into Boston harbour. Has the country of Washington and Lincoln forsworn its faith in freedom, and turned from Liberator to oppressor? Ask the officers and men of the American warships to ponder this before they shoot us!"—(*Times* telegram.)

MATRIMONIAL PUZZLE.

BRITISH JUDGE AND U.S. DIVORCE DECREE.

In the Divorce Division, London, yesterday, Mr. Justice Horridge had again before him the petition of Mrs. Alice Rudd, of Withernsea, Yorks, for a decree of restitution of conjugal rights against her husband, Mr. H. M. Rudd.

Counsel for the petitioner said that the husband was granted a divorce in America and re-married again. These facts came to the petitioner's knowledge some time later, but counsel agreed that the petitioner knew of the decree in time to move to set it aside. Notice of proceedings, however, had never been served on the wife.

Mr. Newton Crane, K.C., who is also a member of the American Bar, said that the decree was good in the State of Washington, the marriage was dissolved and the husband's re-marriage was valid. The question was whether it would be regarded as a valid marriage in other States, and of that he had his doubt.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Horridge said that the petitioner brought this suit for the purpose of having it declared that the American decree was a good decree and that, therefore, she was a free woman. Although she asked for a restitution decree she would like to have it refused.

In his opinion the husband never obtained any domicile in Washington, and the American Court had no jurisdiction over the parties.

The proposition that a woman could find herself divorced without having any notice that an attempt was being made to divorce her, was a shocking proposition to him.

His lordship condemned the American decree and granted the petitioner a decree for restitution.

DUBLIN CORPORATION APPOINTMENTS
Recent Successes gained by pupils of ROSSE COLLEGE, Stephen's Green, Dublin: Standard Clerks (May)—Miss M. McAsey, Mr. E. Joyce, Mr. A. Murphy; Typists (March)—Misses M. O'Neill, M. Coleman, B. Lighthart; (October)—Misses P. Ryan and B. O'Kennedy.—(Advt.)

CANCER RESEARCH.

WORK IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN SKIN HOSPITAL.

PLEA FOR LIBERAL SUPPORT.

The cause of cancer was one of several important subjects discussed yesterday at the annual meeting, in Hume House, Hume street, Dublin, of the directors of the City of Dublin Skin and Cancer Hospital.

The report of the Chairman (Mr. M. J. O'Connor) was read in his absence by Mr. George Birnie. It stated that the existing hospital premises were found to be too small for the accommodation of an ever-increasing number of patients and for the housing of their new X-ray plant and their research department. A big extension scheme, therefore, had been contemplated. They had acquired the remaining premises of the whole frontage block extending from No. 3 to 8 Hume street, and they aimed at a building commensurate in appearance and equipment with the important function which they had in mind—a specialised cancer hospital for the whole of Ireland.

Already part of the extension and the erection of a research department were nearing completion. Block Nos. 3 to 5 Hume street, which would be occupied early next year, would cost £25,000, portion of which would be provided from the Cancer Research Fund. As for the balance, they would at present have to go in debt, and accordingly it was necessary that they should meet with an increasing measure of public support to enable them to carry on.

The hospital's Erlangen X-ray apparatus, which was controlled by Dr. Pilger, had given encouraging results. It was too early yet definitely to state that an absolute cancer cure had been discovered. But they could say that their results were far in advance of anything hitherto achieved by surgery, and that, with the help of experience, they were elaborating and improving their technique every day. (Applause.)

The report ended with an expression of thanks, on behalf of the Committee, to all assistants at the White City Carnival and to those who gave their services and contributions during "Cancer Week." Both enterprises had been successful.

The Hon. Treasurer's report gave the total receipts for the year as £3,428, compared with £5,728 in 1922; and the expenditure as £4,450, as against £5,778 last year. There was a deficit of £1,066, which, added to last year's deficit of £3,126, made a total deficit of £4,192.

MEDICAL REPORT.

Dr. Charles, in the course of his medical report, stated that the result of the year's work had proved the utility of the specialised object with which the institution was established. Altogether 10,767 patients had been treated during the year, and since the opening of the hospital in 1911 the total number of attendances amounted to 151,095. They might justly claim to have attained a gratifying measure of success. The work of extension was in full swing, and soon they should possess the most up-to-date institution for the treatment of cancer in the British Isles. (Applause.)

The hospital was the first hospital in Ireland to instal the Erlangen plant, which was a system of deep X-ray therapy that had given amazing results in Germany wherever it had been tried. They installed their original plant two years ago, and, in consequence of the gratifying results which it gave, they had purchased an enlarged plant of greatly increased power, so as to be able to accommodate the increasing number of patients who were applying for that treatment. They could not do this without enlarging their present building, and so they had determined to strain every nerve to provide and equip an institution which would offer the most recent methods of cancer cure known to science. (Applause.)

They believed that in the Erlangen treatment they had satisfied those aims. Since they installed their apparatus they had given over 400 treatments, but the numbers applying for it were every day increasing. Their greatest handicap was in the action of the patients themselves, who, in a great majority of cases, did not come to them until the hope of cure from other quarters had been abandoned.

They maintained that their treatment gave a reasonable prospect of cure in most types of cancer, if applied in time, but it could not work impossibilities. It could not restore new tissues to a frame through which this malignant disease had been allowed to run its course and when the patient presented himself to them in a moribund condition. All that their treatment could do in such a case was to grant some alleviation of pain during the short span of vitality which remained.

This treatment, continued Dr. Charles, was a very expensive one, each application costing the hospital an average of 32 guineas. With the help of the Research Fund, they had been giving the treatment free to poor patients. They could not continue to do this without a generous measure of public support, and to enable them to extend their relief to poor patients as far as possible they were asking public bodies to contribute half the cost, and well to do patients to contribute in proportion to their means.

The magnitude of the work which they were trying to do deserved a public grant in aid. Hitherto they had received no State support, and until they did, they must carry on as best they could with the help of private generosity. It was a work which should appeal to all Irishmen, for the virulent disease of cancer was especially rife in this country.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

Mr. Orr, in proposing the adoption of the reports, said that it was to be regretted that there were ever so many who ignored such institutions as this, which gave to the poor free treatment for one of the greatest scourges. Something must be done to bring down the deficit of £4,000. It was a difficult thing to draw money out of the public in support of charity, but this might be done if those present urged the cause of the hospital wherever they went. There were many men of means in the city who had not yet contributed to the funds of the hospital, but if they impressed upon them the needs of the institution he thought that it would have its effect. They did not want "flag day" collections, but something in the nature of a personal appeal by the committee.

Dr. Osborne, who seconded, said that they wanted to make that hospital a real success and worthy of the name of Irishmen and Ireland. They must all unite in the endeavour to clear away the deficit. Let them get at those numerous people who seemed to have more money than ever for Christmas shopping.

The Imperial Cancer Institute in England, Dr. Osborne added, had obtained £1,500,000 for the purpose of research. This work required the collaboration of various brains in various centres; and why should they not go ahead in cancer research in a country like Ireland?

Mr. Kennedy said that those connected with that hospital should be exempt from the obligation to look for money.

What would interest the general public more than the cure for cancer was the cause of it. After all it was more or less a new disease; but they were told that the cases were continually increasing—a grave reflection on their social and hygienic conditions and their agreed dietary. There was, evidently, a cause, which had far-reaching effects, and an institution of that kind should have at its disposal means by which it could thoroughly investigate this matter. Although their apparatus was giving good results it was not yet capable of stopping an increase of cases of this disease. Therefore, they should do all that was humanely possible in this direction, and not be always hampered by this lack of pence. (Applause.)

Professor W. J. Lyons, President of the Radio Association of Ireland, said that there was room for only one centralised cancer institution, and they had the basis in Hume street. He had had his attention drawn to the increasing development of cancer in America and in European countries, and found that Ireland in its urban and rural areas was involved in this most serious scourge. He could only talk as a person experienced in electrical science; but, as in other cases, electricity in the case of cancer had been brought to help.

They had not yet discovered the cause of cancer, but it was the case that the Imperial Cancer Institute had a million and a half of money at its disposal for research. This, however, was no reason why the technical staff in that hospital should not help to get at the bottom of the cancer trouble. (Hear, hear.) The cause might be discovered there, as well as it might in the most elaborately equipped buildings in America, or in any part of the world. "In Ireland we have more brains than sense." (Laughter.)

If this centralised institute in Dublin was to continue to handle cancer cases from all parts of Ireland, as it was doing, it should be financed by all public bodies in Ireland. He suggested that they should urge the local authorities, county councils, districts, boroughs, and others to allocate a sum of money each year to the hospital, and that the Government should give a subsidy.

Mr. Cairns, in proposing a general vote of thanks, remarked that the Government had got £10,000,000 out of the public by offering tempting interest, but if they set up a Loan with the interest going to the hospital he did not think that they would get £2,000.

TARIFF QUESTION.

PROTECTION WANTED IN CORK.

The Cork Industrial Development Association has endorsed the view of the Federation of Irish Industries, that a policy of protection against goods that compete with home manufactured articles is needed to place Irish industries on a solid foundation.

A memorandum from the Federation embodying this view was discussed at the last meeting of the Association.

Senator J. C. Dowdall, in moving a resolution approving the views expressed in the memorandum, said that Irish industries had been deliberately smothered and strangled by alien rulers as also by foreign vested interests. In illustration of his contention he maintained that Ireland was still held in the economic strangle-hold of British railway companies. Two of the main lines of the Great Southern and Western Railway were built for the sole object of feeding the London and North-Western Railway and the Great Western Railway of England. The Irish railway termini at Kingstown and at Rosslare came into being at the behest of the two British railway companies. In spite of that fact, however, through rates which would benefit Irish industry and commerce could not be secured because British railway syndicates would not agree to the striking of the same.

If Irishmen accepted present conditions, acquiesced in their *raison d'être*, and piously hoped for amelioration, there was no chance for the country. A carefully applied system of tariffs was the only cure. He directed the attention of the meeting to the opening of three branches of the Imperial Tobacco Company in Dublin, and further stated that these factories would not have been opened were there no duty imposed on manufactured tobaccos and cigarettes imported into the Free State. He stated that the opening of these factories was one of the most eloquent arguments which could be put forward to favour the adoption of a protective policy for Irish industries.

In these factories hundreds of Irish workers were employed and were being technically trained in the production of an article which has a big consumption in the Free State. Besides, heavy rates and taxes were being paid towards the upkeep of Irish Borough Councils and the Irish Government. He saw no reason why a tariff should not be put on imported soap, and stated that when Switzerland imposed a tariff on imported soap Lever Brothers opened a factory in Switzerland to supply the needs of the Swiss market. He further stated that, under certain conditions, he had no objection to an influx of foreign capital, as at present there was an enormous amount of Irish money spent on foreign-manufactured goods which could very easily be manufactured within the country.

He doubted whether there was even one per cent. of the shirts which were being retailed in Cork made within the country. If a differential tariff were imposed on all imported shirtings, he was of opinion that the Irish textile industry would receive a big impetus. The import of unnecessary manufactures was an economic blunder. For example, one lb. of raw cotton could be purchased for 1s. 3d. or 1s. 4d., and handkerchiefs manufactured from the same could easily be sold for at least £1.

Senator Dowdall added that he did not wish to dogmatise on the question of Protection. While maintaining that there was much to be said on both sides, he told the meeting that if he were living in England he would be a Free Trader, but that in Ireland he was emphatically a Protectionist. He considered that the Irish Government should not delay in drawing up a proper system of tariffs.

Mr. George Crosbie endorsed the views expressed by Senator Dowdall, but stated that the memorandum submitted by the Secretary was one issued by a sectional organisation—that was, by a Federation representing only Irish manufacturers and producers. He maintained that it would be an evil day for Ireland if any one section in the country secured the reins of political power. He fully recognised, however, that both voluntary protection and voluntary preference were failures so far as Irish industrial development was concerned.

Mr. Denis Breen said that he was strongly of opinion that the present Government would do its best to throw out any bill which aimed at the protection of Irish industries.

Mr. T. P. Dowdall said that the great qestion now before the country was the provision of employment for the 40,000 workless people in the Free State. He maintained that, taking the figure of Ireland's imports of manufactured goods at £59,000,000, at least £9,000,000 of the value of those manufactured goods would be distributed in wages were all such goods manufactured within the country. The country could not prosper without the adoption of protective tariffs.

Mr. H. Lorton agreed that the adoption of protection was absolutely necessary if such industries as the boot and shoe industry were even to be stabilised.

AMERICAN POLITICS.

WOMEN IN THE COMING ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

Republican women for the first time will participate actively in national politics on an equal footing with men in the United States elections next year, and in the primary contests the interest of Republican women has been increased by the fact that women, being represented on the National Committee, will have an equal say in the Party councils with the men.

There will be an Auxiliary Women's Committee, which will work directly with the regional committees. The Republican leaders admit that they have lost much influence in politics by not admitting women on their National Committee earlier and in allowing the Democrats to anticipate them in recognising the political rights of women in this regard. They believe that the women's influence will do much for the success of the Party at the primary elections.

SUSPICIOUS FAILURES.

BANKRUPTCIES IN THE TEXTILE TRADE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday.

"The number of suspicious bankruptcies in the textile trades has become so serious that action will have to be taken in order to clear certain people out of the business."

The above statement was made yesterday by Mr. B. G. Arthur, Secretary of the Textile Trades' Association, who declared that between July, 1920, and September last the cases in which it was reasonable to suspect crooked dealing involved liabilities amounting to £25,000,000, and assets of only £4,000,000.

"The traders who belong to the fifty Associations attached to our body," he said, "think it is time some drastic action was taken, and so we are arranging either to prosecute or deal with some of these gentry through the creditors victimised. As soon as Parliament has settled down to work we are also proposing to make recommendations to the President of the Board of Trade, which, if carried into effect, will make the path of such people as these more difficult."

ATLANTIC FREIGHT RATES TO BE HIGHER.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

The steamship lines confirm the report that freight rates from North Atlantic ports on this side to the United Kingdom are to be advanced between 20 per cent. and 25 per cent., the increase to become effective about March 1.—(Reuter.)

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

RADIO ASSOCIATION.—At a meeting of the Radio Association of Ireland, held last night in the Wireless Department, Municipal Technical Institute, Kevin street, Dublin, the Assistant Secretary stated that the Executive Committee wished to invite the views of members and branch secretaries on the Irish broadcasting scheme, the proposed location of a broadcasting station at Terenure, Dublin, and the future activities of the Radio Association. It was reported that a Waterford branch has now been established. Mr. Arthur L. Callan gave a lecture on "The Reception of Wireless Signals." On Wednesday, January 2, Mr. W. J. Byrne will deal with some of the Armstrong super-circuits.

CHILDREN'S PARTY.—Two hundred of the children attending their dance classes were entertained by the Misses Mallin at a Christmas party in the Molesworth Hall, Dublin, yesterday. The hall was decorated for the occasion, and the little guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Tea and light refreshments were served on the dais, and Santa Claus attended. The pupils will give a performance at Arcadia, Bray, on Saturday, December 29, in aid of the Royal Hospital for Incurables.

HOLYHEAD-NORTH WALL BOATS.—The London, Midland, and Scottish Railway will run relief passenger steamers from Holyhead to the North Wall, Dublin, during the holiday "rush." These will be in addition to the Holyhead-Kingstown mail boats.

NEW SIXPENNY STAMP.—It is announced in the Free State *Postal Gazette* that new Free State sixpenny stamps will be on sale in head post-offices as from to-morrow. The stamps are purple, and bear a design of a sword on an elliptical shield.

PRISON FOR POSSESSING REVOLVER.—In the Dublin Police Court, yesterday, Edward Whelan, 8 Allingham Buildings, Dublin, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour for being in possession of a revolver, and using threats towards Mrs. Bond, 13 Stafford street.

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS DANCE.—A dance was given by Miss Kathleen Manders for her pupils yesterday afternoon in St. Stephen's Hall, Dublin. There were many beautiful costumes, and prizes for the prettiest and most original were won by Miss Joan Gibson and Master John MacLachlan.

TOWNSHIPS' AMALGAMATION. — A public meeting will be held in the Kingstown Town Hall to-night to further the efforts to achieve the amalgamation of Blackrock, Kingstown, Dalkey, Killiney, and Rathdown No. 2 into one borough.

CONNAUGHT.

£300 THROWN AWAY.—The Secretary stated at a meeting of the Galway County Home Committee that it had been reported to him that a man named Flanagan, recently transferred from the County Hospital in Galway to the Home at Loughrea, had thrown £300 into the River Corrib prior to the transfer. There appeared to be some truth in the statement, the Secretary added, and he was in communication with the Bank of Ireland, Tuam, where Flanagan had admitted that he had had money.

INSUFFICIENT PRIMARY EDUCATION.—At a meeting of the Irish Agricultural and Technical Instruction Officers' Organisation, in Castlerea, it was stated that the vast majority of children were withdrawn from the primary schools at an early age. It was decided to appeal to the Minister of Education to enforce compulsory attendance up to the age of 14 years, and to introduce a system of compulsory continuation or Technical schools up to the age of 18.

UNION ECONOMICS.—Co. Galway Homes and Home Assistance Committee has adopted an estimate of £29,620 for the expenditure of the coming year. Last year the estimate was for £31,010.

RAIDERS DISAPPOINTED. — Armed raiders visited the house of Mr. Thomas Hogg, Kilmore, Drumsna, and stole 10s. in cash from the till. What they believed to be a roll of notes was also taken, but the papers were merely receipts, and were found later strewn on the railway line.

MOTOR TAXES TO BE WITHHELD.—Motor-owners in Leitrim and North Roscommon held a meeting at Carrick-on-Shannon and decided to pay only a quarter of the year's tax due to the Leitrim and Roscommon County Councils pending further action.

CHARGE AGAINST COUNCILLOR.—At a special court in Carrick-on-Shannon, Michael O'Farrell, chairman of Mohill District Council and a prominent Gaelic Leaguer, was remanded on bail on a charge, under the Public Safety Act, of being in unlawful possession of a quantity of revolver ammunition, a revolver, an air gun and twenty-eight sporting cartridges.

LEINSTER.

EMBARRASSED INFIRMARY.—At a meeting of the Carlow County Infirmary Committee a letter was read from the Local Government Department stating that the appointment of a doctor to succeed the late Dr. W. H. O'Meara should be postponed for the present. The finances of the institution are in a bad state, due to the lack of payments by the County Council, consequent on the non-payment of rates.

FARMER ROBBED.—Philip Gray, a small farmer, of Scrabby, on the Longford-Cavan border, has been robbed of £60 by armed and masked men. Gray, who has a wife, six children, and his mother to support, sold his pigs in the Cavan pork market, and had the money in the house. At one o'clock in the morning the door of his house was broken down by heavy stones, and three armed and masked men entered. They searched the house, and found the money, which had been hidden away in three purses.

TURKEYS CHEAPER.—At Tuesday's market in Athy there was a marked drop in the price of turkeys, which sold at 1s. to 1s. 4d. a pound; geese 8d. to 10d., chickens 6s. to 8s. a pair, and ducks 4s. to 5s. a pair.

MUNSTER.

UNPROFITABLE.—The Medical Officer of the Kilcatherine, West Cork, dispensary district, has pointed out to the Guardians that his salary is £150 a year, and that the ordinary visits of his official duties entail travelling 2,180 miles a year. This costs him one shilling a mile for running expenses and motor car tax, and leaves him only £50 out of his salary.

RAILWAY RATES.—Limerick Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution calling the attention of the directors of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company to the detrimental effects of the existing high railway rates on the trade and commerce, not only of the City and County of Limerick, but the country generally, and asking the directors to consider the matter, with a view to arranging for a reduction.

SUNDAY OPENING. — The Munster Licensed Vintners' Protective Association is to ask the Government, in view of the impending licensing legislation, to extend the privilege enjoyed by residents in cities of having public houses opened for certain hours on Sundays, extended to the provincial towns and villages.

ULSTER.

DRIFT NET FISHING LICENCE.—Donegal County Council has passed a resolution protesting against the proposal of the Ministry of Fisheries to increase the licence fee for drift net fishing in the sea from £3 to £6. It is held that the fishermen on the Donegal coast cannot possibly pay an increased fee for the fishing season, which means about sixteen nights, taking weather conditions and the close season into account.

Several road contractors who were summoned at Tuam were ordered to carry out their contracts immediately and to pay £1 costs.

"The Messiah" will be rendered in Rathgar Methodist Church, Brighton road, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

The Ministry of Fisheries has decided to cancel the arrangements for closing the Clare Island fishing store.

Mr. Thomas Maughan has been elected a member of the Dalkey Urban Council in succession to the late Mr. Coughlan.

The Free State *Postal Gazette* announces that the postmastership of Limerick will be vacant as from January 1, 1924. The salary is £485 (provisional).

Two cargoes of coke have been shipped from Dublin to Christiania during the last two weeks. Several similar cargoes have been sent to Norway recently.

At Howth yesterday W. Beatty, publican, Baldoyle, was fined £2 and costs for having, on October 19 last, sold three glasses of whiskey which were 28.52 under proof, the standard being 25 per cent.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

TURKEY PRICES DOWN.—There has been a "slump" in the price of turkeys in the Northern markets during the last few days, says our Belfast Correspondent. At Cavan 1s. a pound live weight was the highest paid, compared with 1s. 8d. a few days previously in other markets, while some birds were sold at 6d. a pound. In Belfast yesterday buyers were refusing to buy at 1s., and it was reported that the "bottom had fallen out of the market" in Manchester, Birmingham, and other cross-Channel centres. Lower prices were also ruling at Banbridge, Dungannon, and Strabane markets.

"CRACK" SHOTS WANTED. — County Commandant Colonel Vernon, speaking on Tuesday evening at a presentation of medals to the best shots of Ballymoney and district B. Special Constabulary, said that in pre-war days they used to have in the musketry course in the Army what was known as "a mad minute." When the whistle blew fifteen rounds had to be got on to the target inside a minute. When the original Expeditionary Force went to France the Germans were overcome by the volume of fire, and in their first official reports stated that the British Army was armed with nothing but machine guns. What they took for machine guns was nothing but rapid fire. That was what they wanted the "B" men to accomplish. He wanted every "B" man in the county, if it was ever necessary, to fire to hit. The only way they could do that was by continual practice.

DERRY WATER SUPPLY. — At the monthly meeting of the Londonderry Corporation the Water Committee reported that the Banagher water scheme had already cost £51,000, and the total expenditure, allowing 10 per cent. for unforeseen circumstances, would be £350,000. Allowing 7 per cent. for interest and sinking fund it was calculated that the cost on the rates would be 4s. 6d. in the £, but the scheme was of such great importance to the health and interests of the city that the situation must be faced at that high cost.

DEATH OF BANK OFFICIAL.—The death of Mr. Matthew Edwards, J.P., a former official of the Northern Bank, took place at his residence, Willowbank House, Antrim rd., Belfast, yesterday. Mr. Edwards entered the service of the Northern Banking Co., Ltd., in June, 1864, and served in Ballybay and Banbridge before he was appointed assistant chief cashier in the head office in Belfast. Mr. Edwards retired ten years ago.

DERRY HOSPITAL MEMORIALS.—In recognition of a legacy from the late Dr. J. E. Miller, and the services rendered to the Londonderry Infirmary by three generations of the Miller family, the Committee has decided to name a ward "Dr. Joseph E. Miller Ward," and have suitable tablets erected. The Committee has also decided to carry out the wishes of the subscribers to the Dr. James Craig Memorial Fund to endow two beds in the hospital.

BANGOR RELIEF WORKS. — What Bangor Urban Council is doing to alleviate local unemployment was indicated in the course of a discussion at Tuesday's meeting, the Town Clerk stating that the wages bill of the Council at the present time was £500 a week. The Town Surveyor said that at present sixty men were employed on relief works and twenty-two were employed at the gas works.

The Minister of Pensions has appointed Sir Thomas Wilson, of the Ulster Buildings, Waring street, Belfast, to be a member of the Northern Ireland War Pensions Committee, in place of Mr. William Chaine, resigned.

As a token of appreciation of her services, the Chairman and Committee of Ballygarrett Presbyterian Church, Londonderry, have presented a gold wristlet watch to Miss Longwell, the organist.

Professor Leebody, who is aged 85, has resigned the post of city analyst of Londonderry after fifty-one years' service. The question of superannuation has been referred to the Corporation's Finance Committee.

TIED UP BY DAUGHTERS.

ROSCOMMON FARMER'S STORY OF DOMESTIC LIFE.

At Roscommon Quarter Sessions yesterday, before County Court Judge Wakely, Bernard Glennon, of Kilmore, Lecarrow, sued his daughters, Mary and Agnes, for value of stock taken off his farm and sold, and also sued them for damages for false arrest.

Plaintiff, in the course of his evidence, said that he was a retired police sergeant, and had purchased the farm at Kilmore. Latterly his daughters had given him a great deal of trouble, and had taken away his stock against his will and sold it and kept the money.

The house was raided on a couple of occasions by armed and masked men, who put the witness and his son down on their knees and threatened what would be done to them if they did not leave the place. On one occasion his daughters knocked the witness down and bound him with ropes. His daughter Agnes swore an information in order to have him committed to an asylum, but the District Inspector, Mr. Finlay, refused to commit him as a lunatic.

Francis Glennon, the son of the plaintiff, said that he was formerly a policeman. When the house was raided by armed and masked men one of his sisters opened the door for them. The raiders threatened witness and his father, and they took away witness's clothes. His sisters claimed the farm. Witness declared it was not true that his father was insane.

His Honor said that the plaintiff certainly showed no symptoms of insanity when in the witness box.

Agnes Glennon, one of the defendants, examined, said it was not true that she and her sister ill-treated the plaintiff. He on one occasion attacked her sister with a spade and they put a rope loosely round him and sent for the police. When the house was raided the men said they wanted all the Black and Tan stuff and took her brother's clothes.

Replying to his Honour, the witness admitted that she sold stock after being warned not to do so by her father.

The plaintiff, recalled, said that both his daughters knocked him down in the kitchen and rendered him unconscious. When he came to he was tied with ropes round the knees and ankles.

His Honour gave a decree in the civil bill for taking away and selling stock for £30 and £5 for false imprisonment, with costs.

COUNTY HOSPITALS.

THE TIPPERARY SCHEME.

The South Tipperary County Council, which has been discussing union amalgamation for several years past without definite results, again debated at yesterday's meeting a scheme amended by the Local Government Board. It proposes a county home at Cashel, a county hospital at Clonmel, district hospitals at Clogheen and Cashel, a hospital at Tipperary, and a fever hospital at Carrick. The latter proposal has been vigorously opposed by all sections in Carrick, who insist on the right of such a large town to local hospital accommodation. The local workhouse and hospital were burned down by Republicans when they captured the town.

A deputation from Carrick waited on the County Council yesterday, and urged that a local hospital be given to Carrick instead of a fever hospital.

Dr. Clinch, Local Government Inspector, said that if the Council decided in favour of the suggestion he thought he could promise that the Government would sanction a cottage hospital for Carrick. Clogheen, he believed, was suitable for a cottage hospital, and he did not think that there would be any trouble about getting that sanctioned. As to the County Home, he was satisfied that Cashel should be the centre, as the population of Cashel rural district was 21,000. Tipperary seemed to him to be the most suitable place for a county hospital, as it was certainly the most central portion of the county as far as accessibility was concerned.

Mr. Morris said that he thought it would be far better if there could be three fully-equipped hospitals at Cashel, Clonmel, and Tipperary, and let each stand on its own merits.

The Chairman, Mr. L. Dalton, T.D., said that he thought there should be no county hospital at present until they saw what necessity demanded, when they could improve either of hospitals at Clonmel, Cashel, or Tipperary for that purpose.

Dr. Clinch—I think that the Government will insist on a county hospital.

Eventually it was decided to express agreement with the terms of the scheme, but the Council requested that the provision of a county hospital be not definitely decided at present.

The Marquis Curzon received the German Ambassador at the Foreign Office yesterday.

OBITUARY.

SIR J. WALTON BROWNE, D.L.

The death of Sir J. Walton Browne, D.L., took place yesterday morning at his residence, Lismore, Windsor avenue, Belfast. He was a leading Belfast surgeon.

A son of the late Dr. Samuel Browne, R.N., J.P. (who was Mayor of Belfast in 1870), he was born in the city on October 5th, 1845, and was educated in Belfast, Dublin, London, and Vienna, taking the degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Bachelor of Arts. He was one of the most skilful surgeons in Ireland, and an authority on ophthalmic matters. He was a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, England, and was surgeon to the Belfast Ophthalmic Hospital, Great Victoria street, as well as consulting surgeon to the Ulster Hospital for Children and Women, Templemore avenue. But it was particularly in his association with the Royal Victoria Hospital, extending over a period of 37½ years, that Dr. Walton Browne earned in a marked manner the gratitude and esteem of the citizens of Belfast.

For many years he was senior surgeon of that institution. The honour of Deputy Lieutenant was conferred upon him in September, 1913, by Lord Pirrie, K.P., H.M.L., in recognition of his distinguished record in connection with the hospital. In 1921, when the King opened the Northern Parliament, Dr. Browne was among those on whom the dignity of Knighthood was conferred by His Majesty.

Dr. Browne was a former President of the Ulster Medical Society, and of the North of Ireland branch of the British Medical Association, and was President of the Ophthalmic section of the British Medical Association on the occasion of its visit to Belfast. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, and a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Medicine, Ireland, as well as a Fellow of the Ophthalmic Society. He was a member of the Senate of the old Royal University of Ireland, and, prior to its dissolution, the degree of LL.D., *honoris causa*, was conferred on him. He was a Senator of the Queen's University of Belfast, a member of the Ulster Club and of the Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

On the occasion of his resignation in March, 1912, the Board of Management of the Royal Victoria Hospital passed a very cordial resolution, thanking him for his valuable services and appointing him a consulting surgeon to the hospital.

At a meeting of Convocation of Queen's University, Belfast, yesterday, Dr. R. W. Leslie proposed a resolution expressing a sense of the severe loss sustained by Convocation in the death of Sir John Walton Browne, and tendering sincere sympathy to his relatives.

Professor Fullerton seconded, and the Rev. W. A. Watson, M.A., B.D., supported the motion, and it was passed in silence.

At a meeting of the Board of Management of the Royal Victoria Hospital yesterday, the Chairman (Professor J. A. Lindsay) referred to the death of Sir John Walton Browne, and the Board passed a resolution of sympathy with his relatives.

DR. JOWETT.

Dr. Jowett, the well-known Congregational preacher, died yesterday morning at his new home, The Gables, Belmont, Surrey, aged 60. For many months his friends had feared the end. The strain of preaching to large congregations regularly for nearly 30 years took its heavy toll on a constitution never robust. Last year he left Westminster Chapel, a sick man. Almost steadily his condition became worse. For a time he maintained his devotional articles in the religious weeklies, but at length these had to be abandoned. Finally he sought the Surrey hills in the hope of improvement, but it was too late.

A public Funeral Service will be held in the Westminster Congregational Church on Saturday morning next. The Service will be conducted by Dr. John A. Hutton, minister of the church; the Rev. Sidney M. Berry, M.A., Congregational Union Secretary; and the Rev. William F. Daniels, vicar of St. Matthew's, Croydon.

A short Service, conducted by the Rev. John Lessmore, will precede cremation, which will take place at Golder's Green Crematorium. It is requested that no flowers shall be sent.

With the death of John Henry Jowett, the English-speaking world loses one of its most popular preachers. When in 1911 Dr. Jowett accepted the call to the ministry at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, widespread regret was aroused by his decision, and attempts were made to deter him. But he maintained his course. After six years in New York, where he received abundant kindnesses, and near the close of the Great War, Dr. Jowett yielded to the persistence of his English friends, backed by Mr. Lloyd George, who was then Prime Minister, and accepted the pastorate at Westminster Chapel.

CHEVALIER ROCHFORD, K.S.G.

On the 18th December the death took place, at his residence, Lucerne, Strand road, Sandymount, Dublin, of Chevalier John Rochford, K.S.G. The deceased gentleman was born in June, 1834. He was formerly connected with the Department of National Education, in which he held a high official position. Chevalier Rochford was a well-known figure in religious and charitable works, to which he devoted himself. On the foundation of the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland he was one of the first members and was appointed Lay Honorary Secretary. He discharged the duties of the office with distinction and advantage to the Society, which owed much of its success to his devoted care. Pope Leo XIII. conferred on Mr. Rochford the dignity of the Order of St. Gregory. Chevalier Rochford was for over half a century an active member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the Conference district of SS. Mary and Peter, Rathmines, and for the past twenty years he was President of the Conference attached to the Church of the Star of the Sea, Sandymount. He was also a member of the Council of Ireland of the Society, and for many years occupied the position of President of the Council, until advanced age and failing health compelled his retirement.

CANON BURKE, P.P.

We regret to announce the death of the Very Reverend Joseph A. Canon Burke, P.P., Aughrim street, Dublin, which occurred yesterday morning. Canon Burke had reached the ripe old age of 82. Though in failing health for some years past the end came somewhat unexpectedly. Canon Burke was born in Lucan in December, 1841, and was one of the first students to enter the then newly founded Seminary of Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, in the year 1859. From Clonliffe he proceeded to Maynooth. Being ordained in December, 1866, his first appointment was as Curate in his native parish of Clondalkin. After some years he was transferred to the parish of Little Bray, where for more than 20 years he was Curate to the famous Father Healy of Little Bray, and was respected by all with whom he came in contact. In the discharge of his duty during the outbreak of smallpox in the early seventies he contracted that disease. From Little Bray he was transferred by the then Archbishop to the administratorship of St. Paul's, Arran quay, Dublin, and a year later, on the death of Canon Brook and the consequent division of St. Paul's parish, he became the first parish priest of Aughrim street. Here he greatly enlarged and beautified the church, and he also built large parochial schools. Canon Burke was a man of high culture and of warm and affable disposition.

MR. ROBERT ANDERSON.

Mr. Robert Anderson, a well-known journalist and author in the North of Scotland, died at Aberdeen yesterday, aged 75. He was editor from 1905 to 1910 of the *Aberdeen Daily Journal* and its associated group of newspapers.

MR. C. I. TAYLOR.

The death occurred suddenly in Dublin of Mr. Charles Irwin Taylor, who for many years was buyer of the woollen department of Messrs. Webb, Cornmarket. Mr. Taylor was highly esteemed by all with whom he came in contact, and the news of his death will be regretted by all his acquaintances.

COLOMBIAN EARTHQUAKE.

An Exchange message, received in New York from Bogota, Colombia, states that the latest reports estimate that 400 persons were killed in the earthquake. The damage to property is very great, as the region is rich agriculturally. The President has ordered the expenditure of 10,000 dollars for relief.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.
Open Competition, 50 Vacancies, Spring, 1924. Age 19-22. ELEVEN SUCCESSES AT LAST EXAM (Limited Competition), August, 1923. BEST RESULT. Special Oral and Correspondence Classes now forming. Intending Candidates should enrol at once. SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 75 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.—(Advt.)

NEWS IN BRIEF

A Middlesbro' message says that within the past ten days orders for nine new ships have been placed with local shipbuilders.

The death is announced at Wimborne of Captain Carr Stuart Glyn, formerly of the Royal Dragoons. The deceased was 90 years of age.

JAPANESE EX-PREMIER STRICKEN. — The Tokio newspaper, *Jiji Shimpo*, reports that the Marquis Saionji, ex-Premier of Japan, has had a paralytic stroke.—(Reuter.)

MINERS' WAGES. — The Yorkshire Miners' Council yesterday discussed the National Wage agreement, and decided to recommend loyalty to the Federation, which has advised the termination of the agreement.

RUSSIAN WHEAT. — After a lapse of ten years the first cargo of Russian wheat has arrived at Manchester. The Co-operative Wholesale Society have taken 3,000 tons, and the remainder of the cargo will be sold by the Society to millers in the district.

PORT OF TAMPICO. — The Chamber of Shipping has been advised by the Board of Trade that the port of Tampico, Mexico, has been closed from sunset to sunrise until further notice. Vessels entering after closing time are liable to be fired upon.

GLUT OF TURKEYS AND GEESE.—At Newton Abbot (Devon) market yesterday there was the biggest glut of Christmas poultry known in local history, turkeys selling at 1s. 6d. per lb., and geese at 1s. per lb. Chickens were not quite so plentiful, 1s. 6d. per lb. being the ruling price.

BUMPER WHEAT CROP IN AUSTRALIA.—The yield of the forthcoming wheat crop in Australia is estimated by the International Agricultural Institute at 64,000,000 cwts., this figure being about 7,000,000 cwts. higher than the production in the 1922-23 season, and over 9,000,000 cwts. greater than the average crop of the preceding five seasons.

IMPROVEMENT IN IRON TRADE.—As a result of the improvement in the position in the Cleveland iron trade, preparations are being made to re-open the Lumpsey ironstone mine at Cleveland, which has been idle for two years. Employment will be found for 500 men. Normandy iron workers are also restarting after a long period of complete idleness.

BOXER SENT TO PRISON.—At Manchester yesterday, Noel ("Boy") McCormick, the pugilist; Walley Meagher, and William Bolton were sentenced each to twelve months' imprisonment in the second division for indecently assaulting young women in a Manchester office. Another man named Harry Dodd was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division for aiding and abetting.

ACCIDENTALLY POISONED BY GAS.—At the inquest at Bournemouth yesterday on Henry Alfred Collyer and Margaret Collyer, husband and wife, who were found dead in the bathroom of their flat at Boscombe on Sunday, a verdict of accidental death from coal-gas poisoning was returned. It was stated that when the bodies were found the bathroom was full of gas, and the gas beneath the geyser was alight.

SEQUEL TO DOCK STRIKE. — The Disputes' Committee of the Trades Union Congress, which has had under consideration the dispute between the Transport and General Workers' Union and the National Amalgamated Stevedores', Lightermen, Watermen and Dockers' Union, have issued their decision, which declares that the latter body has been proved guilty of supporting revolting members of the Transport Union, and calls upon it to forthwith return such revolting members.

RESIGNATION OF SCOTTISH ACADEMICIAN.—At the assembly of the Royal Scottish Academy, in Edinburgh, yesterday, a letter was read from Sir James Lawton Wingate, the President, intimating his resignation owing to ill-health. The meeting passed a resolution regretting the circumstances which compelled Sir James to resign, and putting on record an appreciation of the dignity, courtesy, and zeal, which characterised his occupancy of the chair. A meeting will be held on January 7 to elect his successor.

ENGLISH WORKINGMAN'S HOME.

MR. BRIDGEMAN ON UNEMPLOYMENT.

Speaking on unemployment last night at Matlock, in support of Lord Hartington, Unionist candidate for West Derbyshire, where the polling takes place to-day, Mr. Bridgeman, Home Secretary, referring to the effect of cheap foreign importations, drew a picture of the British workingman's home. He walked into his cottage said the speaker, through a Swedish door, with a German lock. In the fireplace was a Belgian grate. So it went on. Even for his breakfast he had Chinese eggs. (Laughter and hear, hear.) Then his children started playing with Bavarian toys. Even his clock was of Swiss make. And this was the reason why all the long queues and processions were formed outside the Labour Exchanges. The Liberal proposition was to do nothing at all. He wanted the people of West Derbyshire to vote for one who would help the country to alter the circumstances in which we lived, and make England what it ought to be—the best country in the world.

MASQUERADE AS MEN.

SCHOOLGIRLS' PLAN TO GET TO DANCES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PITTSBURG, Wednesday.

The girls of the Margaret Morrison School have been masquerading at dances as men, taking their room-mates with them, dancing with them, and escorting them home, according to an article in the *Tartan*, published by the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

A number of students of the school admitted to-day that their class-mates frequently escorted them to school dances. Of course, if the girls were asked by men to go they accompanied them, but when girl room-mates found they had not been invited one of them dressed up like a man with borrowed clothes and took the other.

At a dance given recently by the Carnegie "Tech" football team several students were said to have recognised a senior who appeared on the floor attired in a man's clothes. She and her companion left the floor hurriedly when they learned that the masquerader's identity had been discovered.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Home Missionary meeting has been held at Rathkeale, Co. Limerick. Two choruses were rendered by the junior choir. The Rev. Robert Moore delivered an address.

The Home Missionary meeting has been held in Adare, Co. Limerick. A musical programme was rendered and recitations were given. This was the first Home Missionary meeting that had been held in Adare for several years, and it was well attended.

In Shinrone, the Rev. Robert Moore presided over a meeting of the Endeavourers of Roscrea and Cloughjordan, who united with those of Shinrone. The delegates who attended the recent convention at Belfast delivered addresses.

Dr. Scott Lidgett, an ex-President of the conference, preached last Sunday at the invitation of the bishop of the diocese, in Plymouth Cathedral.

Mr. S. R. Dodds, the new member for Wirrall, is an old Rydall Mount scholar. Later at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, he won honours. Dr. Dodds is a Methodist class leader and society steward.

Six of the twenty-seven Wesleyan Methodist M.P.'s are local preachers, and one, the Rev. R. M. Kedward, is a Methodist. Mr. Kedward is the first Methodist minister in the active work to enter Parliamentary life.

The Home Missionary meeting has been held at Birr, and the Rev. W. R. Budd, General Secretary of the Fund, Dublin, was the deputation, and Mr. J. J. Armitage presided at the public meeting.

The Rev. J. W. Parkhill, of Portadown, and President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, has been appointed to succeed the Rev. E. B. Cullen, of Carrickfergus, in June, 1925.

Messrs. Pease and Partners are rekindling two blast-furnaces at their Normanby Ironworks, Middlesbrough. This will increase the number of furnaces in operation on the North-East Coast to 46, as against 70 in normal times.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

A Middlesbro' message says that within the past ten days orders for nine new ships have been placed with local shipbuilders.

The death is announced at Winstonrea of Captain Carr Stuart Glyn, formerly of the Royal Dragoons. The deceased was 90 years of age.

JAPANESE EX-PREMIER STRICKEN. — The Tokio newspaper, *Jiji Shimpo*, reports that Marquis Saionji, ex-Premier of Japan, had a paralytic stroke.—(Reuter.)

MINERS' WAGES. — The Yorkshire Miners' Council yesterday discussed the National wage agreement, and decided to recommend loyalty to the Federation, which has advised termination of the agreement.

RUSSIAN WHEAT. — After a lapse of ten years the first cargo of Russian wheat has arrived at Manchester. The Co-operative Wholesale Society have taken 3,000 tons, and the remainder of the cargo will be sold by the Society to millers in the district.

PORT OF TAMPICO. — The Chamber of Shipping has been advised by the Board of Trade that the port of Tampico, Mexico, has been closed from sunset to sunrise until further notice. Vessels entering after closing hour are liable to be fired upon.

TURKEYS AND GEESE.—At Newton Abbot (Devon) market yesterday there was the biggest glut of Christmas poultry known in local history, turkeys selling at 1s. 6d. per lb., and geese at 1s. per lb. Chickens were not quite so plentiful, 1s. 6d. per lb. being the ruling price.

IMPROVED WHEAT CROP IN AUSTRALIA.—The yield of the forthcoming wheat crop in Australia is estimated by the International Agricultural Institute at 64,000,000 cwts., the figure being about 7,000,000 cwts. higher than the production in the 1922-23 season, and over 9,000,000 cwts. greater than the average crop of the preceding five seasons.

IMPROVEMENT IN IRON TRADE.—As a result of the improvement in the position in the Cleveland iron trade, preparations are being made to re-open the Lumpsey ironstone mine in Cleveland, which has been idle for two years. Employment will be found for 500 men. Normandy iron workers are also resuming after a long period of complete idle.

MINER SENT TO PRISON.—At Manchester yesterday, Noel ("Boy") McCormick, the miner; Walley Meagher, and William Ward were sentenced each to twelve months' imprisonment in the second division for inciting assaulting young women in a Manchester office. Another man named Harry Ward was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division for aiding and abetting.

ACCIDENTALLY POISONED BY GAS.—At the inquest at Bournemouth yesterday on Henry Collyer and Margaret Collyer, husband and wife, who were found dead in the bathroom of their flat at Boscombe on Sunday, a verdict of accidental death from coal-gas poisoning was returned. It was stated that when the bodies were found the bathroom was full of gas, and the gas beneath the door was alight.

GIRL TO DOCK STRIKE. — The Disputes' Committee of the Trades Union Congress, which has had under consideration the dispute between the Transport and General Workers' Union and the National Amalgamated Stevedores', Lightermen, Watermen and Bargemen's Union, have issued their decision, which declares that the latter body has been proved guilty of supporting revolutionary members of the Transport Union, and calls upon it to forthwith return such revolutionary members.

ELECTION OF SCOTTISH ACADEMICIAN.—At a meeting of the Royal Scottish Academy, Edinburgh, yesterday, a letter was read from Sir James Lawton Wingate, the President, intimating his resignation owing to ill-health. The meeting passed a resolution regretting the circumstances which compelled him to resign, and putting on record an appreciation of the dignity, courtesy, and zeal, which characterised his occupancy of the chair. A meeting will be held on January 7 to elect his successor.

WESLEY COLLEGE.

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

A CHRISTMAS TASK.

The annual distribution of prizes at Wesley College took place yesterday. The Rev. William Crawford, M.A., presided. There was a large assembly of parents and friends of the pupils in addition to the governors and staff of the college. While they were assembling the college orchestra played selections, and interspersed through the programme were musical performances by the college choir, and by Miss Lougheed and Master Mitchell, pianoforte soloists.

The Rev. J. W. R. Campbell, M.A., on behalf of the Board of Governors, welcomed the Rev. William Crawford, a former principal of the college, and invited him to take the chair.

The Chairman distributed the prizes.

The Principal (Rev. T. J. Irwin, D.Litt.), in his report, said that in many respects the past year had been one of the best in the history of the school. The further accommodation recently provided had proved a veritable boon. The governors contemplated immediate and further extensions, and intended also to proceed in the near future with the erection of the Memorial Hall, which, when completed, would be one of the finest school war memorials in the Kingdom.

In the Intermediate Examinations, for the fourth year in succession, the pass list had been a record, and this year showed an increase of fourteen on the previous record. The school's percentage of passes was much higher than the average for Ireland. The distinctions included exhibitions in each group and in every grade, and totalled fourteen. There were only four first class exhibitions in mathematics given in all Ireland, and of these two were secured by Wesley College students. To the girls of the senior grade only seven exhibitions in all were awarded, and of these Wesley secured two. He thought that a senior grade class which secured eight exhibitions, two medals, and five composition prizes had acquitted itself with credit. (Applause.)

The Principal went on to detail matriculation successes, including first place for Mathematical Sizarship and second place for Junior Exhibition. Old boys in the Universities had obtained many honours during the year. Glanville had taken second place in the Cambridge tripos in mechanical science, and Donovan was among the senior exhibitioners in Trinity. Gillespie had taken his fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons, and four old boys had taken their final medical, and the Rev. R. M. L. Waugh his B.D. degree. Two old boys who had just finished a brilliant career in the university had received important public appointments—W. A. Laidlaw as Lecturer in Classics and Philosophy in the University of Western Australia, and E. K. Lumley as Cadet Administrator, East Africa. (Applause.) In conclusion, the Principal referred to the loss sustained by the school in the death of two members of the Board of Governors—Mr. John Brown and Mr. William Wallace.

In the course of reports on athletics, reference was made to the remarkable prowess of the girls' hockey team, and to the presentation by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. F. Burgess, of a silver challenge cup for competition at the school sports.

The Chairman, in the course of an eloquent address to the young people, said:—"Will you let me set you a holiday task?" (Laughter.) It is a happy one. You are going to your homes—North and South and West. Here is your task: Will you seek to win the goodwill of your fellow-countrymen? You say, perhaps, 'We never lost it.' Ah! but we did. We lost it. Your history tells you why we lost it. It is to be won back again. Say not a word against your country. Believe not a lying word against your countrymen. 'Do little things in a great way' was the saying of a great man. Do little things in a great way for the sake of your country, and God will make you a blessing to everyone around you, a blessing to Ireland and a credit to your own self." (Applause.)

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was followed by the singing of the school song and "God Save the King."

A Scene from "Northanger" ... sented by the Alexandra College Students Last Night.

Annual Distribution of Prizes at the Wesley College, Dublin, Yesterday.
Mr. Richard W. Booth, Mr. Robert Morgan, the Rev. J. W. Campbell, M.A.; Mr. W. Mills Forsyth, Mr. W. R. Burgess, the Rev. William Crawford, M.A.; the Rev. John A. Duke, B.A.; the Rev. T. J. Irwin, D.Litt.; the Rev. Benson E. Gentleman, the Rev. James M. Alley, and the Rev. W. R. Budd.

Photo by [*Lafayette, Ltd., Dublin.*
Mr. Cyril Irwin, C.I.E., Indian Civil Service, youngest Son of the late Colonel R. Irwin, of Rathmoyle, Co. Roscommon, was married to Miss May Grehan, eldest Daughter of Mr. Stephen Grehan, D.L., of Clonmeen, Banteer, Co. Cork, on December 18th, at Banteer Parish Church.
Group of House Party, which includes the best man (Mr. S. A. Grehan, R.A., O.B.E., M.C.), Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Irwin, Rev. Frank Irwin, Miss Irwin, Miss Chichester, Miss Amy French, General J. McMahon, Mr. T. H. and Miss Gallwey, Mrs. and Miss Whyte, and Mr. Stephen Grehan.

"MASS OF RUBBISH."

ALLEGED SECRET HOARD OF BOTTOMLEY PAPERS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Wednesday.

If the announcement that a number of papers bearing on Horatio Bottomley's affairs had been found in a cellar in Piccadilly raised hopes in some quarters of the possibility of a sort of financial Tut-Ankh-Amen discovery, inquiries made to-day show that only the most excessive optimism could lead to the hope that the documents are anything but a mass of rubbish.

"Mr. Bottomley never had offices here," stated the caretaker of the premises to-day. "Some months after he had been sentenced two gentlemen who were dealing with his affairs came here to take offices. These were not quite ready, however, and as there was no room for the mass of papers they brought, these were bundled down into the basement. They were stowed in an old wood cupboard, and left there until the present inquiries were made and they were taken away."

Mr. R. S. W. Partridge, of the firm of Finchan, Partridge and Co., Warwick Court, High Holborn, W.C., the trustees of the Bottomley estate, was, of course, bound to examine them when he learned of their existence. Some of the papers have been gone through already, but Mr. Partridge does not expect the examination to be completed earlier than the new year.

"I am rather afraid," he said, "that the announcement concerning these papers may have aroused expectations among the bondholders, but it is as well that they should not indulge in high hopes."

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

CONVOCATION OFFICE-BEARERS.

A meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convocation of Queen's University, Belfast, took place yesterday.

The period of office of Dr. John Campbell, Chairman of Convocation, having expired, he was unanimously re-elected for a period of three years.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Brown, who had been nominated for the office of Deputy Chairman, vacated by the death of the late Mr. Martin H. Turnbull, LL.B., was unanimously elected for the term of three years.

The following retiring members of the Standing Committee were re-elected for three years:—Miss F. B. Adamson, Dr. Thomas Houston, the Rev. Dr. John MacDermott, the Rev. Dr. W. J. Lowe, Miss Catherine Martin, Dr. J. B. Moore, Mr. John H. Robb, the Rev. John Waddell.

Regarding a resolution of Convocation passed at a meeting held on 6th June, 1923—"That the Standing Committee take into consideration the question of the amendment of Standing Order 46, and report to the annual meeting of Convocation," the Committee did not recommend any change in Order 46, but recommended "That the procedure set out in Statute IV. should be carried out before the Standing Committee takes any action in relation to the appointment of a Chancellor."

This recommendation was adopted.

It was unanimously resolved that the Secretary of the University should be requested to continue to perform the duties of Clerk of Convocation.

The Committee reported that the work on the war memorial was so far advanced that it was hoped that the memorial would be erected in May or June, 1924. The Committee appealed to those members of Convocation who had not yet subscribed to send their subscription to the bursar as soon as possible, as a sum of about £300 was still required.

MR. BONAR LAW'S ESTATE.

PROVISIONAL VALUATION.

Mr. Bonar Law left personal estate valued for probate at £51,397, of which the personal estate in Great Britain amounts to £36,756. This is a provisional valuation, and it is stated that supplementary items will be filed later. His property includes railway investments in the United States, valued at £5,131, and property in Canada—principally interests in Price Bros. and Co., Ltd.—valued at £3,454. The provisions of Mr. Bonar Law's will have been published already.

DUBLIN UNION.

THREE OFFICIALS CALLED ON TO RESIGN.

Mr. Seamus Murphy, Dr. W. O'Dwyer and Mrs. J. Power, Commissioners, sat yesterday in the boardroom of the Dublin Union to transact the ordinary business of the institution.

The Clerk reported the receipt of £1,075 7s. 4d. from the Rathdown Guardians for the maintenance of their inmates in the Dublin Union. There was a bank balance of £12,655 18s. 2d. to the credit of the Union.

Arising out of a return of sick leave for the past three years, three officials, holding the positions of cook, ward-mistress, and machinist, were called upon to resign. The sick leave in the case of the cook for the year 1923 was 303 days; the ward-mistress was on sick leave during the same year for 205 days, and the machinist for 168 days. The sick leave during 1920, 1921 and 1922 was also considerable.

The Clerk submitted a report of the Commissioners' inquiries regarding false time entries made by four clerks in the Master's office. The offence was admitted by the persons in question, but the Commissioners, having regard to the truthful answers given them, had decided not to ask for their dismissal on this occasion. They wished it to be understood, however, that the making of an entry in any book or record knowing it to be false would in future result in immediate dismissal.

The report set out the manner in which the signing of the books would in future be supervised. The Assistant Master would be responsible for seeing that no name was entered in the attendance books after 9.30 a.m. until lunch time.

UNIVERSITY NEWS.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION.
MICHAELMAS, 1923.

The following candidates have passed:—Annie Aldworth, Harold Arbuckle, Kathleen Ball, John Herbert Bowyer, Mabel Britlain, Kathleen Rose Byrne, Oliver Chance, William Ernest Cochrane, Morris Cohen, James Joseph Cusack, John Cussen, Gladys Lilian Craig, James Craig, Angel Crawford, Richard Cronin, Edward Caulfield Dudgeon, Kenneth Duncan, Joseph Dunlop, Jan Andreas du Toit, Geoffrey Edwards, Joseph Ellmson, Edward Elkin, Edward Alfred Ellis, Aileen Fair, Norah Fenton, Godfrey Garde, Arthur Charles Gill, Charles Griffin, Solomon Gurevich, John Ridgway Hanna, Lamerclel Haskins, Alexander Hawthorne, Robert Noel Henry, Richard Higgins, Jerreth Horwich, Hans Jacob Hugo, Wilfred Noel Hutton, Isaac Jack Isaacson, John Moore Johnston, John Elliot Lawlor, James McAlister, Charles McCausland, John McClelland, John McCurdy, George McFarland, George McKenna, Thomas James Martin, William George Martin, Frederic Matthews, Charles Meldon, Mary Swan Miller, John Morris, Herbert Nelson, Robert Nesbitt, Frances O'Connor, John Brian Patrick, Margaret Pedlow, Barend Pienaar, Jean Pigott, William Potts, Richard Proctor Arthur Prost, Grace Rankin, Adelaide Robb, Philip Robinson, Eric Thomas Rudd, Margaret Ryan, John St. Clair, Wilfred Sinclair, Stanhope Squires, Richard Tweedy, Charles Tyndall, William van Rensburg, Edmond Walsh, Robert Warrington, Charles Wilson, Charles Wolseley, Ex-Sizars—William Edward Crampton, Norman McCarthy.

Senior Sophister Supplementalist—Simon Leonard.

DEGREES IN MUSIC.

Mus.Bac.—Rhoda Coghill.

Preliminary—George Spencer Evans, Hedley Rickard.

The famous Cresta toboggan run and the great bobsleigh run at St. Moritz will be opened next Saturday, says a Reuter telegram.

Giving the Christmas Cake the Final Touches at the Kevin Street (Dublin) Technical School.

A LIMERICK BANK CASE.

REPORTED ARREST IN LONDON.

The Limerick Civic Guards received intelligence yesterday that a man answering the description of William R. Davis, for whom a warrant was issued in connection with the alleged embezzlement of £700 from the Limerick branch of the Munster and Leinster Bank, had been arrested in London on Monday evening. Davis was an official in the bank, and left for his holidays in November, but did not return on the expiration of his leave. His accounts were inquired into, and as a result a warrant for his arrest was placed in the hands of the Civic Guards, who had his description circulated. It is understood that the arrested man will be brought to Limerick and charged to-morrow.

Thousands of ladies keep a box of Martin's Pills in the house. Those who use them recommend them, hence their enormous sale. Price 5s. Sold by all Chemists and Stores; or post free from Proprietors, Martin, Chemists, Southampton.—(Advt.)

WRITING ASSISTANTS.

The following candidates, given in order of merit, were successful at the recent examination for writing assistants held by the Free State Civil Service Commission:—Alice Mary Garvey, Frances Josephine Carden, Rose McBolin, Hannah Aileen Cronin, Teresa Ford, Kathleen Elizabeth Breslin, Catherine Mary Dympna Constantine, Cristin de Burca, Helena Barrett, Marguerita Elizabeth Kenny, Mary Brigid Gilhooly, Johanna O'Loan, Henrietta Mary Nolan, Eleanor Cotter, Mary Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Siobhán O'Sullivan, Mary Cox, Kathleen Frances O'Brien, Mary Patricia Kelly, Ethel Gerard O'Kelly, Helen Maria Collins, Nora Mary Crotty, Nora Mary Carey, Agnes Josephine Mulcahy, Mary Patricia O'Byrne, Charlotte Mary Ann Ivers, Nora O'Mara, Marcella Mary Carbery, Rosemary Josephine O'Dowd, Nora Gulfoyle, Eleanor Winifred Cregg, Eileen Mary Murphy, Eileen Margaret Mary Buckley, Mary Ann Casey, Elizabeth Teresa McCarthy, Maire Agnes O'Reardon, Katherine Hennessy, Elizabeth Douglas, Mary Frances Tracy, Eileen Mary Flaherty, Gertrude Quinlan. The last two candidates tied.

London teachers have, through the London Teachers' Association, sent £424 1s. 8d. to the Lord Mayor for the Japanese Earthquake Fund.

THE SHIPBUILDING "RECORD."

"BLUE RIBBON" FOR A BELFAST FIRM.

Messrs. Harland and Wolff yesterday issued their tonnage output figures, and it is now possible to review the shipbuilding industry in Belfast for the past twelve months. The output of the firm is considerably higher than that of last year, and Messrs. Harland and Wolff have the distinction of winning the "blue ribbon" for the largest tonnage output of any firm in the British Isles for the year.

The Belfast yard alone launched 86,714 tons, and this, apart from the output of the Glasgow and Greenock yards, is higher than the output of any other firm. With the Glasgow figures added, Messrs. Harland and Wolff have an output of 102,006 tons, as against 113,227 tons last year. The decrease is entirely due to the falling-off at Govan, and to the fact that no tonnage was launched this year at their Greenock yard.

Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co. have launched five vessels with a tonnage of 40,719, and this, with Messrs. Harland and Wolff's 86,714 tons, gives a total for the port this year of 127,433 tons, which is 40,400 tons above 1922, when the figures were:—Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co., six vessels of 51,095 tons, and Messrs. Harland and Wolff, three vessels of 35,848 tons. In 1921 the port total was 93,494 tons; in 1920 116,543 tons, and in 1919, when the boom was at its height, 197,826 tons.

Although the output is larger than twelve months ago the amount of work in hand during the year was actually less than during the preceding year, as the post-war reconditioning in the preceding year must be taken into account.

An outstanding feature of the production this year is the fact that the vessel for the Royal Mail S.P. Company (the Lochmonar) is fitted with internal combustion engines. This is the first vessel with Diesel engines built for this company at Belfast, although they have others which were built by the same firm on the Clyde. Arrangements are in progress with a view to the construction of large Diesel engines at the Belfast works for the large mail vessels to be constructed for the Royal Mail S.P. Company and Union Castle Line.

The Govan yard delivered during the year the first of the Diesel-engined vessels under construction for Messrs. Andrew Weir and Co. (Bank Line, Ltd.).

Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co. launched during the year five vessels of 40,719 gross tons and 26,300 I.H.P.

There was less reconditioning work during the past year. The largest undertaking of this character was the conversion of the Belgenland (the 27,000 Red Star liner) from a war cargo carrier into a passenger ship, with accommodation for 2,500 persons. This was successfully completed at the Queen's Island in March.

Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co. passed some eighty odd vessels through their hands for repair, mostly of a minor nature.

The outlook for the coming year is certainly not a bright one. About half of the building berths at the port are idle, and there is no possibility of an immediate rush of new orders. The placing of three 22,000 ton motor ships for one of the leading companies recently will give a good deal of employment, while the construction of the engines at Belfast will also help the engineering shops.

VACCINATION URGED.

WARNING OF SMALLPOX DANGER IN IRELAND.

At the meeting of the Poor Law Commissioners at the Dublin Union yesterday, the following order was made:—

"Having regard to the present epidemic of smallpox in England and the landing of one case at an Irish port, the Commissioners of the Dublin Union wish to draw the attention of parents and guardians to the serious danger, and they instruct the relieving officers to put the Vaccination Act in operation, and prosecute in cases of refusal or failure to comply with the law; the relieving officers to submit cases for prosecution at once."

The case referred to was discovered on board a vessel at Queenstown some weeks ago. The ship, it is stated, had come direct from London.

COLLECTION OF RATES BILL.

DRASTIC PROVISIONS.

The Collection of Rates Bill, which was introduced in the Dail last week, is designed to provide means for the collection of arrears of rates and to authorise collection, during a limited period, through, or by means of, the post. Where a defaulter has not paid his rates the Under-Sheriff will be given a warrant under which he will be empowered to levy for the amount of the rates due. After the warrant has been issued, and until the Under-Sheriff has made a return to such warrant, the amount certified to be due shall only be payable to, and receivable by, the Under-Sheriff, and not by a rate collector or other officer of the local authority.

Upon the receipt from the Minister of the warrant the Sheriff shall proceed to levy the sum due by seizing the goods, animals and other chattels within his bailiwick belonging to the defaulter.

A warrant of this kind shall be executed in priority to all writs of execution, civil bill decrees and orders, and other documents of execution in his hands unexecuted when the warrant is received, and no action shall lie against an Under-Sheriff on account of any delay in the execution of such writs, etc., arising from the Under-Sheriff complying with the warrant for the rates.

Any rate collector who has paid to the local authority, pursuant to his bond, any sum in respect of rate collectable, but not actually collected, by him, shall have the right to collect and recover the sum so paid by him from the persons who are liable for it.

Service of notice relating to rates on the person liable may be effected by prepaid letter through the post, and proof of service of such notice shall be sufficient, by proof that the envelope containing the notice was put into the post.

The Minister for Local Government may arrange for the collection of rates through the post, and the receipt of the appropriate officer of the Post Office for the rate so paid shall be a good discharge to the person paying the same. The Post Office will receive a commission on the amount of the rates so paid.

The Minister may by order transfer all or any of the powers and duties of a collector of poor rate, the registration of electors, the preparation of jurors' lists, or any other matter unconnected with the collection of rates to any person appointed for the purpose by the local authority, with the approval of the Minister, or with the consent of the Minister for Home Affairs, to the Civic Guard, and may by such order adapt any enactment, order or rule in such manner as shall be necessary to give effect to the order.

IRISH ARCHITECTS.

At the annual general meeting of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland at 31 South Frederick street, Dublin—Mr. George P. Sheridan, F.R.I.A.I., presiding—the following were elected members of the Council for the year 1924:—Messrs. F. Hayes, J. H. Webb, H. Allberry, L. F. Giron, F. G. Hicks, A. G. C. Millar, J. J. Robinson, R. M. Butler and T. J. Cullen, together with the past Presidents, Messrs. W. Kaye-Parry, A. E. Murray, R. Caulfeild Orpen and L. O'Callaghan, and the honorary officers, Messrs. G. P. Sheridan, President; G. F. Beckett, Hon. Secretary, and S. M. Ashlin, Hon. Treasurer.

In the annual report of the Council special reference was made to the work of the Board of Architectural Education in its preparation of a syllabus of examination for admission to the Institute, and it was hoped that an adequate scheme of education to qualify students to take these examinations would soon be evolved. It was announced that the new scheme would not come into operation until 1925.

Messrs. F. B. Craig and W. A. Dixon were elected honorary auditors for 1924.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

An Open Competitive Exam. for 50 Vacancies will be held in the Spring of 1924. SPECIAL CLASSES—Oral and Correspondence—are now being arranged.—McGUINE'S COLLEGE, O'Connell st., Dublin.—(Advt.)

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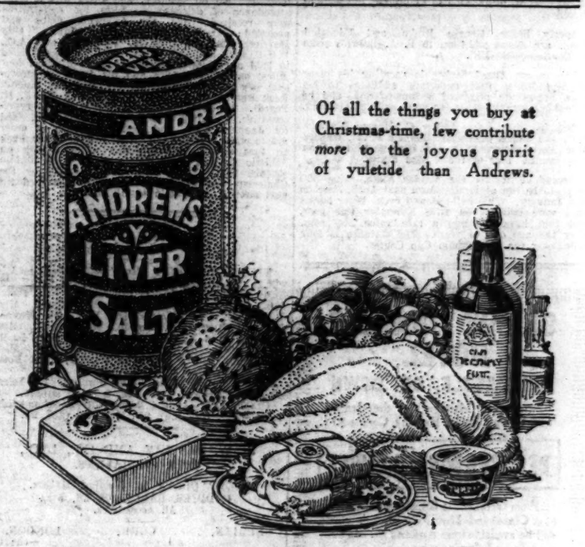

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GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

THE REVIVAL OF CHELMSFORD.

TWO WINNERS FOR POOLE.

A BLANK DAY.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday Night.

A story has been current for some little time here that Jimmy Hogan, the popular steeplechase jockey, was giving up riding in order to devote his attention to training. Hogan this afternoon at Chelmsford denied that such a thought had entered his mind.

In its unambitious way the little Chelmsford fixture was quite successful, and George Poole's enterprise in reviving the meeting at his natal place looks like being well rewarded. The country people turned up in large numbers, and the belated trains from London also brought a fair number of "regulars."

A RECOVERY OF FORM.

The racing, too, was good, and Poole won a couple of races with horses trained by himself. Providence, who won the Chelmsford 'Chase in a common canter, is also owned by him. This tubed mare looks like recovering the form she lost when her wind went wrong, and she is a bit above the selling plate company in which she has been figuring this season. Poole's other winner was Little Gem Rose, who beat Royal Sport in the Rodney Juvenile Selling Hurdle, and was afterwards sold to the Belfast owner, Mr. R. C. Robb. Little Gem Rose was ridden by F. B. Rees, but as Hogan, whom he is racing for the jumping jockey championship, also rode one, Rees is still only a single point ahead of his Irish rival.

Hogan's winner was Arduous, whose appearance I did not anticipate in the Braintree Novices' Steeplechase. As soon as his number appeared in the frame the Ring asked for odds about him. Although The Bleeka drew up to him between the last two fences, Arduous showed his superiority on the flat, and beat Mr. McKevitt's horse by two lengths.

FLUSHED v. MINTOI.

It was apparent that Bennett's stable were going for their Plumpton losses over Mintoi in the Writtle Steeplechase, and odds were first asked for about Mr. McEvoy's candidate. However, a strong demand soon broke out for Flushed. The last thoughts were the better, for Captain Bennett on Flushed rather easily beat Mintoi. Major Doyle added to his striking list of successes this year when he won the Mayor's Hurdle on Ilderton, who is trained by his brother at Heddington.

To-morrow is one of those rare days in England—an afternoon on which there is no racing, and the bookmakers go and buy new motor cars as Christmas presents for their wives.

GALTEE MORE.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Hampton 'Chase, Kempton Park—Kirkdale.
Sefton 'Chase, Newbury, January 16—Great Haste.
Wolverhampton engagements—Chin Chin, Earl Marshall.
Stanton 'Chase, Wolverhampton—Wood Ant.
All engagements in the Duke of Portland's name—Kinnaird and Vandricourt.
All engagements in Sir Thomas Dixon's name—Darragh.
All published handicaps—Bruff Battle.
All engagements—College Green and Drumlassie.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Upper Rathduff has joined Coulthwaite's string at Hednesford, in addition to Ceinturon, Phaon, and Indelible.

Sporty Boyee, George Drake, and Educated Evans are recent additions to F. A. Brown's team at Bourton-on-the-Hill.

The reason Alfred Stubbs is vacating his place at Alresford is that important additions to his team necessitate increased accommodation, and he is making arrangements for more suitable stabling.

The British golfers, Arthur G. Havers (Coombe Hill) and James Ockenden (Rayne's Park), reached New York yesterday on the Berengaria for their four months' tour of the United States.

Second entries for the Maiden Plate, value 500 sovs., to be run at Punchestown next April, close on 2nd January. This well-endowed event is for horses that were maidens on 14th November this year, and that have not won a race value 300 sovs. after the age of two years. The distance is four miles over the Conyngham Cup Course.

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CHELMSFORD RESULTS.

1.10—TINDAL (S.) HANDICAP HURDLE, £100. 2 m.
Mr. Stacey's b. g. SON O' MELTON, by Melton—Lady Orme, 12, 11-13 ....D. Dick 1
Mr. F. Groves' BOUSHAM, 8, 10-9 ..H. Bletsoe 2
Mr. Cary's PURPLE RIDER, 4, 10-5
Mr. L. Parry 3
Also ran—Silvanus (D. Reardon), Maraskin (W. A. Smyth), Neglected (S. Box), Toilet (Owner), Simon's Craft (F. B. Rees), Chirrup (Moloney), Registration (B. Parsons). Off 1.10. (Winner trained by Hammond.)
Betting—5 to 4 each agst. SON O' MELTON and Silvanus, 7 to 1 Simon's Craft, 10 to 1 Maraskin, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by half a length; four lengths.

1.30—MAYOR'S HANDICAP HURDLE, £100. 2 m.
Mr. Thrale's br. h. ILDERTON, by Simon Square—Zara, 6, 11-9 ....Major Doyle 1
Mr. Berney's CROCK HILL, 7, 11-2 J. Moloney 2
Mr. Cooke's PREMIUM BOND, 6, 10-12 S. Tidey 3
Also ran—Molly Machree (Mr. H. J. Graham), Squire Erlegh (T. Leader), Grecian Waters (J. Bunn), Roothing's Stick (T. Costello), Prolific (M. Tighe), Shipwreck (B. Trudgill), All Gold III. (Mr. J. Price), Gazaboo (F. Allen). Off 1.34. (Winner trained by Doyle.)
Betting—2 to 1 each agst ILDERTON and Squire Erlegh, 3 to 1 Prolific, 10 to 1 any other.
Won by a neck; two lengths.

2.0—RODNEY JUVENILE (S.) HURDLE, £100. 1½ m.
Mrs. Putnam's LITTLE GEM ROSE, by Roseland—Fizzer, 10-9 ....F. B. Rees 1
Mr. P. Beary's ROYAL SPORT, 10-6 ..J. Hogan 2
Mr. Pickering's SPICEY, 10-6 ......Capt. Bennet 3
Also ran—Brahmin (W. Fitzgerald), Colcannon (F. Groom), Boy Mac (W. Smyth), Scallywag (F. Espin), Prester Jill (C. Moylan), Capitas (F. Brookes). Off 2.2. (Winner trained by Poole.)
Betting—6 to 4 agst. Boy Mac, 7 to 2 Royal Sport, 9 to 2 LITTLE GEM ROSE, 8 to 1 Brahmin, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by two lengths; one length.

2.30—CHELMSFORD HANDICAP 'CHASE of £100. 2 m.
Mr. Curtis's br. f. PROVIDENCE, by White Magic—Good Gracious, 5, 11-11
L. B. Rees 1
Mr. T. Hartigan's CRAGGIE ROCK, 8, 11-12
M. Tighe 2
Mrs. Jones's PROGRESS, 5, 11-2......S. Tidey 3
Also ran—Sang Bleu (T. Costello). Off 2.30. (Winner trained by Poole.)
Betting—5 to 2 on PROVIDENCE, 5 to 1 agst. Craggie Rock, 6 to 1 Progress, 10 to 1 any other.
Won by six lengths; a bad third.

3.0—WRITTLE HANDICAP 'CHASE of £100. 3 m.
Colonel E. Phillips's br. m. FLUSHED, by Little Flower—Sunburnt, 7, 11-12 ..Capt. Bennet 1
Mr. McEvoy's MINTOI, 9, 11-11.....J. Moloney 2
Mr. Birbeck's BELLINI, a, 10-4.....T. Leader 3
Also ran—White Cockade (T. Costello), See Too (Tidey), The Moon (W. Casey), Wearmouth (Trudgill), Pussyfoot IV. (Mr. J. Price). Off 3.1. (Winner trained by R. Payne.)
Betting—11 to 10 agst. FLUSHED, 5 to 4 Mintoi, 10 to 1 See Too, 100 to 6 any other.
Won by two lengths; the same.

3.30—BRAINTREE NOVICES' 'CHASE of £100. 2 m.
Capt. Norrie's ARDUOUS, by Ardoon—Noble Grace, 6, 12-8 ....J. Hogan, jun. 1
Mr. McKevitt's THE BLEEKA, 6, 12-8 L. Rees 2
Mr. Harvey's SEVINGTON, a, 11-12....Owner 3
Also ran—Southerner (Capt. Bennet), Blanche Oliver (Trudgill). Off 3.30. (Winner trained by G. Bennett.)
Betting—6 to 4 on ARDUOUS, 5 to 2 agst. The Bleeka, 5 to 1 Southerner, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by two lengths; a bad third.

ACCEPTANCES.

Wolverhampton Christmas Cup—Hairpin II., Clonree, Phaco, Super Man, Glengarry II., Dudley, Predial.

Kempton Park Christmas Handicap Hurdle Race—Cavalier, Flaming Sword, Tomahawk, Boddam, Brownstown, Sancroft, Belgian Boy, Main Royal, Troika, Lord Thanet.

Shepperton Handicap Steeplechase—Clashing Arms, Beggar's End, Sir Huon, Kwang Su II., Tom Crow, Phaco, Jack Boore, Ammonal, White Ronald, Snae Fell, Devonport.

ATHLETICS.

N.A.C.A.

COUNTY DUBLIN BOARD.

Mr. P. Lynch, K.C., presided at the fortnightly meeting, held on Monday, and there was a large attendance of delegates. Lists for registration were received from the following clubs and accepted:—Castlevilla Harriers, Dublin City Harriers, Clonliffe Harriers, Harps C. and A.C., D.M.P. A.C., and Irish Road Club. It was decided to hold a novices' cross-country race (distance four miles) on January 19th and the junior championship (six miles) on February 9th, over the Phoenix Park Racecourse (by kind permission of Mr. J. H. Peard). Harps C. and A.C., through their representative, intimated that their invitation race, fixed for January 13th, had been postponed in order not to clash with the four miles race at Croke Park on that date. The question of promoting an Athletic League competition, confined to Dublin schools, next year, was brought forward by the Chairman, and after discussion was adjourned till next meeting, to be held on 7th prox.

GOLF.

KILLINEY.—(Ladies' Branch)—The final medals will be played to-morrow. Draws 11 and 1.30. The following have qualified:—Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Egan, Mrs. Riddick, Mrs. Maunsell, Mrs. Carey, Miss M'Cormick, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Mayne, Miss Fineberg, Mrs. Jenkin, Miss Ashlin, Mrs. Harding, Miss Morrison, Miss Conway, Miss E. R. Miller, Mrs. Callaghan, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Kavanagh, Mrs. Tyler, Miss Darling, Miss Ross, Miss Barton, Miss W. R. Miller.

SUTTON.—December 26th—Morning, 18 holes, strokes; afternoon, foursomes, 9 holes, strokes.

CLONTARF.—Ladies' Branch—Result of monthly medal—Mrs. Hall (28), 90; Mrs Ellis (28), 93.

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HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—December.	Meet.	Hour
Saturday, 22	Kilbride	1.30
THE MEATH.		
To-day	Lobinstown	11.0
Friday, 21	Cross Keys, Drumree	11.0
THE KILDARE.		
To-day	Donlavin	11.0
Saturday, 22	Straffan Bridge	11.0

CARLOW HOUNDS.

In consequence of the death of Father McDonald, the Carlow Hounds will not meet to-day as advertised.

CHANGE OF MEET.

The Island Hounds will meet on Saturday, December 22nd, at Enniscorthy.

HILLSIDE HARRIERS.

Meet at Crumlin Common on Saturday, 22nd, at 1.30. Meet next Wednesday, 26th, at Rathfarnham at 1.30.

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HOCKEY.

LEINSTER INTER-PROVINCIAL TRIAL MATCH.

The Leinster Selection Committee met last evening and selected the following teams for the first of the Inter-Provincial Trials, which will be played at Park avenue on Wednesday, January 2, at 3 p.m. Players are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. S. M'Mahon, 38-39 South Great George's street, in the event of their not being able to turn out. Teams:—

WHITES.—W. G. McCormick (Three Rock Rovers); J. Peterson (Monkstown), C. Blair White (Three Rock Rovers); D. R. Rowlands (Monkstown) (capt.), W. Chiddick (Railway Union), M. D. Fox (Dublin University); R. Leitch (Monkstown), H. Sully (Railway Union), J. S. Mahony (Three Rock Rovers), R. R. Glanville (College of Science), G. V. Boyd (Three Rock Rovers).

COLOURS.—C. W. Gilson (Kingstown Grammar School); Rev. E. J. Devlin (Kingstown G.S.), K. Browner (Railway Union); G. H. Spiller (Dublin University), E. J. Gahan (Dublin University), J. Peatt (Railway Union); W. E. Acheson (Dublin University), W. P. MacDonogh (Dublin University) (capt.), V. Sully (Railway Union), C. Sully (Railway Union), T. Browner (Railway Union).

Umpires—Messrs. F. McIlveen and W. F. McDonnell.

IRISH HOCKEY UNION.

The Emergency Committee of the I.H.U. (Messrs. T. S. C. Dagg, J. E. Mills, J. W. F. Crawford, W. F. McDonnell, J. M. Eyre, Rev. S. Crockett, W. Chiddick, J. S. McMahon, C. S. Waugh (Hon. Sec. I.H.U.), will meet this evening at 8 p.m., at 8 Merrion row, to make the draws for the Irish Senior and Junior Cups, and to make arrangements for inter-provincial matches and the suggested new rules for the International Rules Board.

Monkstown L.H.C.—Monkstown 2nd v. Old College 2nd, Park avenue, 3 p.m.

LEINSTER UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION.

Members of the Association are informed that, owing to the holidays, and in order to give every member an opportunity of being present, it has been considered advisable to postpone the umpires' monthly meeting until Tuesday, January 8, 1924, at 24 Lower Abbey street at 8 p.m. As the question of appointing umpires for the second half of the season will be discussed, it is particularly requested that every umpire will make a special effort to attend on that date.

BILLIARDS.

INMAN v. FALKINER.

The lead in this match at Liverpool changed twice yesterday afternoon, Inman being deposed, and again taking the lead. Both played excellently, and good breaks were the rule. The chief items were 330 and 93 by Falkiner, and 293 and 79 by Inman. Interval scores:—Inman, 11,090; Falkiner (in play), 10,949.

On resuming, Falkiner soon went to the front again, and compiled breaks of 155, 117, and 231; Inman's best being 202. Closing scores—Falkiner, 11,899; Inman (in play), 11,551.

RUGBY.

INTER-UNIVERSITY MATCH.

DUBLIN V. CAMBRIDGE.

Should the suitable weather of yesterday continue, the match between Dublin University and Cambridge University at Lansdowne road to-day should be an attractive game, and we anticipate that an attendance approaching international proportions will be recorded. The present season is remarkable for the fine play of the University teams. Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Queen's, Belfast, and Dublin can boast teams the equal of any in the three countries. While Oxford can justly claim to be the champion University, the records of Cambridge and Dublin are excellent, and to-day's game should produce a fine exhibition. Trinity forwards may be depended upon to keep their end up against any side—they did so against Oxford—but behind the scrimmage the Cantabs will probably have the pull. The Cambridge team includes ten of the players who opposed Oxford, and the old Blue, W. R. Collis, whose play will be followed with interest, since he has qualifications to play for Ireland. No change has been notified on the Dublin side. Kick off 2.15. Teams:—

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY.

Full-back—*E. W. Bingham (Dungannon Royal School).

Three-quarters—*D. J. Cussen (Blackrock College), T. J. Millin (St. Andrew's College), *M. Sugden (Denstone), *J. F. Steele (Dungannon Royal School).

Half-backs—G. F. Gillespie (Dungannon Royal School), C. J. Louiser (Stellenbosch, S.A.).

Forwards—*R. Y. Crichton (Campbell College, Belfast), J. D. Clinch (St. Andrew's College), *I. M. Stuart (Malvern), R. H. Dowse (St. Columba's College), J. A. du Toit (Cape Town University), O. Chance (Clongowes Wood College), J. F. Wilde (Mountjoy), *J. M. Shepherd (Armagh Royal School).

*An old colour.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

Full-back—P. S. Douty (Pembroke), 1.

Three-quarters, right wing—*R. H. Hamilton Wickes (Pembroke), 3; V. B. Dallas-Conté (St. Catherine's), 4; A. B. G. Thompson (Trinity College), 5; *Sir T. G. Devitt (Corpus Christi), 2.

Half-backs—(Scrum) *A. T. Young (Caius College), 7; (outside), *T. E. S. Francis (Pembroke College), 6.

Forwards—*W. E. Tucker (Caius College), 8; W. R. Collis (King's College), 9; *D. C. Ryder (Pembroke College), 10; *D. C. Cuming (Caius College), 11; *W. J. Jones (Caius College), 12; *R. H. Loury (Jesus College), 13; *W. B. Scott (Pembroke College), 14; R. D. Howell (Caius College), 15.

*Signifies played against Oxford.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY (24) V. QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY (11).

Irish University players were again visitors to Edinburgh yesterday, but the Queen's College men in their match with Edinburgh University made a much poorer showing than did Dublin University three weeks ago. Edinburgh strengthened their team by including international players, who prefer on ordinary occasions to play for their clubs rather than their University. After Queen's had made a fair showing in the first half, when they played with the wind, Edinburgh overwhelmed them in the second period, especially at three-quarter. It was a biting cold day, with a cutting wind. Therefore, it was surprising that so many as 1,000 turned out. Early on Belfast pressed, and Wheeler nearly dropped a goal. A loose break away by Edinburgh took them to the Queen's 25, and getting the ball from a scrum Curr dropped a rather lucky goal. Belfast responded strongly, and Stephenson kicked a penalty goal, but before the interval Curr got over for the home University, and Drysdale kicked a goal. At the interval Edinburgh led by 9 points to 3.

In the second half, with the wind at their backs, Edinburgh were prolific in scoring. Drysdale dropped a goal, and later converted a try secured by Strong. Belfast responded, and Stephenson kicked a penalty goal. Curr and Bain added further tries for Edinburgh. McPheetis scored for Belfast, and Stephenson converted. Play was very attractive, and both sets of backs gave occasional delightful displays of passing, but Edinburgh were easily the superior side. Result:—

Edinburgh University—2 goals, 2 dropped goals, 2 tries (24 points).
Queen's University—1 goal, 2 penalty goals (11 points).

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE.

Dublin University v. Cambridge University. Lansdowne road, 2.15.

LANSDOWNE F.C.

Members are reminded of the necessity of being in possession of fixture cards in order to obtain free admission to Lansdowne road on the occasion of the Dublin University v. Cambridge match. Schoolboy honorary members must wear their school caps. —(Advt.)

BADMINTON.

IRISH CLOSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

At the Arts Hall, Ballsbridge, the Irish Badminton Union Championship Tournament was brought to a close with the decision of the Handicap Mixed Doubles A and B, and the Handicap Men's Doubles A and B. Details:—

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES (A).

Third Round—McDougald and Miss Mulligan beat Walker and Miss Stewart—13-15, 15-6, 15-4.

Semi-final Round—C. Murray and Miss E. H. Stewart beat McDougald and Miss Mulligan—15-3, 15-10; G. Murray and Miss B. Stewart beat Keatinge and Mrs. Keatinge—15-14, 15-12.

Final—G. Murray and Miss B. Stewart beat C. Murray and Miss E. H. Stewart—15-14, 15-11.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES (B).

Third Round—Dillon and Miss Dillon beat Moore and Mrs. Hamilton—15-9, 8-15, 15-1; Goulding and Mrs. Miley beat Keatinge and Miss Ramsden—9-15, 15-7, 15-12.

Semi-final Round—Hamilton and Miss Cairnes beat Maguire and Miss Mortier—15-7, 15-10; Dillon and Miss Dillon beat Goulding and Mrs Miley—15-4, 15-11.

Final—Hamilton and Miss Cairnes beat Dillon and Miss Dillon—15-5, 15-7.

HANDICAP MEN'S DOUBLES (A).

Semi-final Round—Ross and Murray beat Acheson and Moore—6-15, 15-13, 15-6; Keatinge and Goulding w.o., Plews and Bell scr.

Final—Murray and Ross beat Keatinge and Goulding—15-12, 15-10.

HANDICAP MEN'S DOUBLES (B).

Third Round—Poulter and Blackadder beat Armstrong and Goulding—15-13, 15-12.

Semi-final Round—Poulter and Blackadder beat McDougald and Inglis—15-3, 13-15, 15-9; Quinn and Maguire beat Weir and Jones—15-7, 15-0.

Final—Quinn and Maguire beat Poulter and Blackadder—15-7, 15-11.

FOREIGN MAILS.

POSTING DAYS IN DUBLIN AND BELFAST.

Correspondence should be posted in time for the evening mails to London on the days given below:—

Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay:—	
By Donaldson Line	Dec. 20
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Ascension and St. Helena: Direct	Jan. 1
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Bahamas: Via New York	Dec. 20
Belgian Congo: By Belgian packet	Dec. 22
Bermuda: Via New York	Dec. 20
Brazil (Bahia): By Lamport	Dec. 20
Do. (Rio, Santos): By Italian packet	Dec. 22
Do. (Rio, Santos): By Nelson	Dec. 25
British Honduras and Turk's Island: Via New York	Dec. 20
Canada (Mag. Post only): Direct	Dec. 20
Do. (excl. Mag. Post): Via New York	Dec. 20
Canary Islands: By Union Castle	Dec. 25
Central America (excl. Panama and Costa Rica), Cuba, and Mexico: Via New York	Dec. 20
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China (all parts): Via Siberia	Dec. 20
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Do.: Via New York	Dec. 20
Do. (Shanghai and North China): Via New York	Dec. 20
Do. (letters and postcards for Shanghai and Treaty Ports only): By Holt	Dec. 22
Do.: Via Suez	Dec. 26
Colombia (Pac. Coast), Chile, Panama, Bolivia, and Peru: Via New York	Dec. 20
Do. (excl. Pacific Coast): Direct	Dec. 20
Costa Rica: Direct	Dec. 20
Do.: Via New York	Dec. 27
Dutch East Indies: By Dutch packet	Dec. 22
East Africa (Kenya, Uganda, and Zanzibar): By P. and O.	Dec. 26
Ecuador: Via New York	Dec. 20
Egypt, Cyprus, and Palestine: By Dutch packet	Dec. 22
French Congo and Senegal: By E.D	Dec. 27
Gambia: By E.D.	Dec. 27
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Madeira: By Union Castle	Dec. 26
Mauritius: Via Durban	Dec. 26
Mesopotamia (Baghdad) and Persia (as far as Bushire): By Air Mail	Dec. 26
Newfoundland (excl. Mag. Post): Via New York	Dec. 20
New Zealand: Via Panama	Dec. 20
Panama: By P.S.N.	Dec. 20
Philippine Islands (letters and post-cards only): By Holt	Dec. 22
Sierra Leone: By E.D.	Dec. 22
South Africa, Nyasaland, etc.: Direct	Dec. 25
Straits Settlements (letters and post-cards for Penang and Singapore only): By Holt Line	Dec. 22
Tanganyika: By French packet	Dec. 31
United States: By White Star	Dec. 20
Do.: By Cunard	Dec. 27
Venezuela: By Dutch packet	Dec. 26
Do.: By French packet	Dec. 22
West Coast of Africa (see also Gambia, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone): By E.D.	Dec. 22
West Indies (Leeward Islands): Via New York	Dec. 20
Do. (Barbados, etc.): By Dutch packet	Dec. 20
Do. (Barbados, etc.): By E. and F.	Dec. 20

INWARD.

The following mails are due in London to-morrow—U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai and North China, Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico and Central America, Panama and West Coast of South America and West Indies, by ss. George Washington; Dutch East Indies, by ss. Grotius; Argentina and Brazil, by ss. Andes.

On Saturday—Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, Nigeria and Liberia, by ss. Aba; Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika Territory, by ss. Guildford Castle; U.S.A., Canada, Japan, Shanghai and North China, Bermuda, Bahamas, British Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico and Central America, Panama and West Coast of South America, and West Indies, by ss. Majestic; Canada, Newfoundland, Japan, Shanghai and North China, and Hong Kong, by ss. Montcalm; Australia, by ss. Moreton Bay.

Monday—Air Mail from Mesopotamia (Baghdad) and Persia (as far as Bushire); South Africa and Madeira, by ss. Armadale Castle; India, Egypt, Ceylon, Straits Settlements, etc., by ss. Maloja.

SHOOTING OF GIRL.

SEVEN MEN CHARGED WITH MURDER.

At a Special Court at Castlebar on Tuesday Anthony Ruane, Michael Burke, Patrick Murray, John Fitzstephens, James Murray, James Hill, and Michael Kenny, all of Grallagh, Straide, were brought before Mr. W. D. Coyne, B.A., D.J., charged with the murder of Miss Annie Horkan at Grallagh on the 27th March, 1922.

Mr. John Kelly, State Solicitor (instructed by Inspector Casey) prosecuted, and Messrs. J. J. Smith and J. C. Garvey, LL.D., appeared for the accused.

It will be recalled that on the occasion of the murder of Miss Horkan her sister's arm was also broken by a gunshot wound and a boy named Gallagher, who, it is admitted, was with the prisoners on the occasion, was shot dead. At the inquest on Miss Horkan a verdict of wilful murder was returned, and at the inquest on Gallagher a verdict of murder was returned against the Horkans.

At the opening of the proceedings Messrs. Smith and Garvey objected to the magisterial proceedings, as such proceedings were already gone through under the Republican *régime*, when the accused were returned for trial, Mr. P. J. Ruttledge, T.D., then prosecuting.

The Chairman overruled the objection, and proceeded to take depositions.

Mr. Dominick Horkan, father of the murdered girl, deposed that in May, 1921, he bought a farm, and on the 25th of the same month his house was broken into at night by a gang of men, who dragged out witness and his son and beat them. Witness was forced to swear that he would give up the land. In the following month there was another raid, and witness and his son were compelled to drive the cattle off the land. Shots were fired over their heads.

In the early morning of the 27th March, 1922, witness, with his son, Thomas, and his daughters, Annie and Katie, were sitting at the fireside when they heard a rush of men coming from the public road to the front door, and his son rushed out by the back door. Witness also rushed out, and in going out took an old pin-fire gun with him. As witness was just leaving there was a shot fired at the front of the house, and witness rushed down the back. His two daughters followed him. When about ten yards from the house a shot was fired in front of him and he made for the gate and got to the land. Two or three shots were fired as he got through the gate, where he met men who were disguised.

He heard one of the men say to one of the girls, "Keep back, keep back." He recognised the voice as that of Michael Bourke. Witness ran along a hedge, and he heard a shot. He continued to run and got into a bog, and threw the gun into a bog hole. Then he heard one of the girls screaming that she was shot. Witness lay in the bog for about two hours, and when he heard the girl calling for a priest he went for one himself. He did not get back until 3 o'clock next morning, when he found Dr. Dunlevy there and Annie lying on the floor bleeding and Katie with an arm broken. Both girls were removed to the Infirmary at Castlebar, where Annie died.

In cross-examination, the witness said that he knew the seven accused men since they were boys. Of his own knowledge he did not associate any of them with this occurrence. The reason he brought out the gun was that he was afraid that the men would take it if they found it in the house.

James McGough, who was an officer of police for North Mayo at the time, deposed to visiting Horkan's house. He found marks on the house, both shotgun and revolver bullet marks. One of his men handed him two shotgun cartridges—they were centre fire 12 bore. Horkan's gun was a pin-fire weapon.

Joseph Sheehy, who was O/C. Police in the Kiltimagh district at the time, deposed that he remembered going to the house of Dominick Horkan on the 27th of March. He then saw Annie Horkan, who was dying. He said that the girl told him she felt she was dying, but he could not recollect her exact words.

Mr. Smith objected to taking the dying statement in view of the doctor's statement that she did not know she was dying at the time he was there. He then quoted some authorities in support of his objection.

Mr. Kelly reminded the justice that Dr. Dunleavy said she was "bled white." From the evidence given by Mr. Sheehy up to the present it was quite evident that the girl knew she was going to die.

The Chairman said that he would admit the statement.

The witness said that he had made a note of the statement, but had not got it with him. He had not seen it since reading it at the Coroner's Court in Castlebar. He recollected that the girl identified Anthony Ruane as having fired a shot.

Mr. Kelly asked for permission to hand the witness the information given at the inquest in order to refresh his memory.

The Chairman agreed, and the information was handed to witness, who read it, and said he was afraid that all that he could definitely recollect was that she identified one man as having fired a shot—that man was Anthony Ruane. He remembered at the time she gave him a full account of the attack on the house, and that account constituted the declaration.

Mr. P. O'Connor, the Coroner, who conducted the inquest on Patrick Gallagher, said that James Fitzstephens, one of the prisoners who was then in custody, gave evidence after being cautioned. Fitzstephens stated that he, with the others, agreed to go to the house of a man named Pat Horkan, of Grallagh, that night, as he got warned earlier in the day. They were to go as strawboys. When they reached Pat Horkan's house the deceased and her sister rushed out from the side wall with two hay forks, and shouted: "You won't drive any cattle to-night," and they attacked the party. A shot rang out, and while Fitzstephens and his party were running away more shots rang out. When the firing ceased he heard one of the Horkan girls crying. Immediately afterwards they found Gallagher dead on the road.

Captain P. J. Dunleavy, M.D., National Army, deposed to attending Annie Horkan some hours after she was shot. She appeared to be bled nearly white. He could find no pulse in the wrist. There was only a slight oozing from the wounds externally. The upper wound was directly over the region of the heart, the lower wound was over the region of the stomach, close to the ribs. With Dr. Thornton he made a *post-mortem* examination. He was present at the inquest on Patrick Gallagher. Witness would not say that the pellet that killed Gallagher was not fired from the same gun as the one that killed Annie Horkan. Annie Horkan was fit to make a dying statement.

Thomas Horkan, brother of the murdered girl, deposed that when he heard the noise of the men rushing towards the house, he ran out by the back door, and was going towards the field when a shot was fired in front of him. He stopped and recognised John Fitzstephens, James Hall, and Anthony Ruane. Fitzstephens and Ruane were armed gith guns. Witness rushed through the men, and then he heard Michael Burke shouting an order to "Keep back." Three or four shots were then fired, and he heard one of his sisters shout that she was shot.

The further hearing was adjourned to January 9.

BOXING.

McALISTER BEATS WARD.

There was a good attendance at the Rotunda last evening, when Mr. Murphy staged a couple of good fights, the principal of which was that between Pat McAlister (Irish Welter Champion) and L. Ward, of Roscommon, a challenger for the honours. Owing to a clause in the rules which provides a time limit between contests the championship fell through, but the meeting provided a good exhibition. McAlister, who had previously defeated Ward, did most of the leading. In the third round Ward improved, and got home some telling punches to the body, and in the next meeting was smart at avoiding the champion's left and stopping the leads well. Ward proved effective at in-fighting, but McAlister got home effectively with the left to the head. In the fifth round Ward showed signs of tiring, and eventually was counted out in the twelfth round, when McAlister had the better of matters. He claimed a foul, but the referee awarded the fight to McAlister.

A ten-round bout between T. Allen, of Fermoy, and W. Wilson was productive of some good boxing. Wilson, who had the advantage in reach and height, always out-paced his opponent, and scored freely with a useful left. Allen showed signs of this in the third and fourth rounds, and, being badly punished in the next meeting, gave up.

Another 10-round contest between P. Doyle (ex-Army and Navy Champion) and J. Phoenix, of Blackrock, went the full distance, the latter getting the verdict. Doyle opened well, but failed to stay the distance, and was out-boxed in the closing rounds.

MASCART v. HEBRANS.

PARIS, Tuesday.

Mascart, feather-weight champion of France, beat Hebrans on points in a 15-round bout.

A Reuter's Helsingfors message states that all ports West of Viborg, in the Gulf of Finland, and South of Vaasa, in the Gulf of Bothnia, are still sufficiently free from ice to be open to navigation. Ships are able to enter and leave without any difficulty.

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED STEADY.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

Stocks opened irregular. Bear selling of specialities was resumed in the early dealings, some losing 1 to 4 points, but later in the day all issues rallied briskly, following pool operations among industrials. Some Railroads advanced 1 to 4 points, and National Lead rose 10 points. The market closed steady. Government Bonds easy. Railroad Bonds irregular. The day's sales totalled 1,070,000 shares. Money on call easy, closing at 4½ bid and 4¾ asked. Actual loans were all done at these rates, the ruling rate being 4¾ and last loan 4¾ per cent. Sterling exchange easy. Silver fell 1c. for foreign mined at 64⅜. Gold to the value of 2,690,000 dollars has arrived here from London.

The following quarterly dividends have been declared:—Northern Pacific, 1¼ per cent.; Baltimore and Ohio, 1¼ per cent.

Erie First Pref. advanced ⅞, Great Northern Pref. ¾, Northern Pacific Common 1¼, Chicago Rock Island and Erie Common ⅞, American Smelting and Refining Common, National Lead, 1; and International Mercantile Marine Pref., ½.

Canadian Pacific declined 1½; Illinois Central, Lehigh Valley Shares, Reading Common, Reading 1st Pref., Union Pacific Pref., and United States Steel Common, ½; British American Tobacco Ord., ¾; General Electric, 1½, and Royal Dutch Petroleum 1.

Union Pacific Bonds declined ½.

CROP STATISTICS.

Washington Crop Report Board, Bureau of Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture, makes the following estimates from reports of its correspondents and agents:

Acreage of winter wheat sown this autumn is 40,191,000 acres, compared with 46,059,000 sown in autumn last year, and 47,611,000 sown in autumn, 1921. Average condition of winter wheat, December 1, 88.0 per cent., against 79.5 per cent. last year, and 76.0 per cent. in 1921. The acreage of rye is 4,377,000 acres, compared with 5,508,000 acres sown in 1922. Average condition of rye December 1 was 89.9 per cent., against 84.3 per cent. last year, and 92.2 per cent. in 1921.

The yield of winter wheat is estimated at 562 million bushels, compared with 572 million bushels final in 1923, and 586,204,000 final in 1922; rye 62 million, compared with 63 million final in 1923 and 95,497,000 final in 1922.

The average condition of winter wheat by States—Kansas, 84; Nebraska, 91; Oklahoma, 85; Illinois, 88½; Missouri, 85; Indiana, 88; Ohio, 90; Washington, 94, compared, respectively with 73, 63, 80, 90, 90, 90, 86, 77 last year.

Eng. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid Prices Tues	Closing Bid Prices Wed	Business Done H.	Business Done L.
117⅛	Funded	102¼	102¼	—	—
108⅜	Atch., Top., Santa Fe	94⅞	94⅞	—	—
100⅝	Do. Preference	87½	87⅞	—	—
68⅛	Baltimore and Ohio	57⅛	57¾	—	—
165⅜	Canadian Pacific	143⅞	144⅝	—	—
80⅛	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	69⅝	70	—	—
13⅞	Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	11½	11⅝	—	—
57⅞	Chicago and N.-West	50⅞	50¾	—	—
33⅛	Erie 1st Preferred	28½	29	—	—
62⅛	Do. 4% Gen. Lien Bds.	54⅝	54½	—	—
64⅝	Great Northern Pref.	55½	56⅜	—	—
114⅛	Illinois Central	100⅞	99⅞	—	—
67⅛	Lehigh Valley	59¾	59⅝	—	—
101⅛	Louisville & Nashville	88½	88¼	—	—
12⅛	Missouri, Kan. & Texas	11⅝	11⅜	—	—
75	Do. New 4½ Bonds	65⅞	65½	—	—
59⅝	Do. Adj. 5% Bonds	52⅞	52¾	—	—
10⅛	Missouri Pacific New	9⅝	9	—	—
3⅛	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	3	3	—	—
1⅛	Do. 2nd Pref.	1⅜	1⅜	—	—
118⅜	N.Y. Cll. & Hudson R.	103½	103⅛	—	—
116⅛	Norfolk & West Com.	102	102	—	—
60⅛	Northern Pacific Com.	51⅞	52⅛	—	—
17⅛	Ontario and Western	15⅞	15⅞	—	—
47⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	41⅞	41⅜	—	—
83⅝	Reading Shares	78⅝	78⅝	—	—
61⅛	Do. 1st Preferred	54	55⅛	—	—
99⅛	Do. 4% Mort. Bonds	86⅜	85⅜	—	—
41⅛	Southern Railway	36⅝	36⅝	—	—
98⅛	Southern Pacific	85⅝	85⅝	—	—
20⅛	Texas and Pacific	18	18⅛	—	—
143⅛	Union Pacific	125⅛	125	—	—
81⅛	Do. Pref.	71⅛	71⅛	—	—
102⅛	Do. 4% Bonds	91	90⅞	—	—
11⅛	Wabash Common	10⅜	10⅜	—	—
38⅛	Do. Preferred A	33⅛	33⅛	—	—
66⅞	Amer. Smelt. Refin. Com.	56⅞	57⅛	—	—
41⅞	Anaconda Copper	37	36⅝	—	—
25⅛	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	23	22⅞	—	—
65⅛	N.Y. Cons. Gas	57⅞	57⅞	—	—
219⅛	General Electric	193⅞	192	—	—
107⅛	U.S. Steel Common	94⅞	93⅞	—	—
135⅛	Do. 1st Preferred	119⅞	119⅞	—	—
117⅜	Do. 2nd 5% Bonds	102⅞	102⅞	—	—
—	Silver (Foreign Mined)	63⅝	64⅜	—	—
6⅞	Inter. M.M. Com. Certs.	5⅞	6	—	—
32⅞	Do. Prefd. Certs	27⅞	28⅛	—	—
54⅛	Royal Dutch Oil	48⅞	47⅞	—	—
36⅞	Shell Transport	31⅞	31⅞	—	—
71⅞	Pan-American Pet.	62⅞	62⅞	—	—
17⅛	Anglo-American Oil	15⅜	15⅜	—	—
16⅛	General Motors	14⅞	14⅞	—	—
41⅞	U.S. Rubber	36⅞	35⅞	—	—

*Asked. †Ex div. ‡Ex Bonus. §Ex rights.

	Tuesday.	Wednesday.
Call Money	4½b. 5a.	4½b. 4¾a.
Ex. on Ln. 60 days' st.	4.34.37½	4.33.75
Ex. on Ln. Demand Bills	4.37.12½	4.36.50
Cable Transfers	4.37.50	4.36.75
Ex. on Paris	5.23	5.16½
Cotton, Mid. Upland	35.50	35.70
Do., New Orleans, Mid.	35.00	34.75
Cottonseed Oil, P. Sum. Yellow Spot	10.90	11.07
Cot. Seed Oil, Yel., Jan.	—	10.98
Petro., Refined, in cases	17.15	17.15
Do., Standard White	14.00	14.00
Do., Philad., Stan. do.	14.00	14.00
Do., Pennsyl., Crude	2.85	2.85
Spirits of Turpentine	93½	93
Do., Savannah	86¾	86¾
Resin, Grade K	4.35	4.35
Do., Grade F	4.60	4.60
Lard, Prime West. Stm.	13.80	13.80
Do., Midland West	13.35—13.45	13.35—13.45
Tallow, Extra	8⅝	8⅝
Sugar, New Cuban	7.41	7.41
Corn, West., No. 2 Mix.	86¾	87¾
Wheat, No. 2 Hd. Wtr.	121½	121¼
Do., No. 2 Red Winter	121½	121¼
Do., No. 2 Mix. Drm.	110	109¾
Coffee, Rio No. 7	10⅛	10⅛
Flour, Spring Clears	5.00—5.50	5.00—5.50
Iron, No. 2 Nor. Fdry.	22.00—21.00	22.50—23.00
Tin, Straits	47.25	47.00
Zinc, East St. Louis	—	6.20
Electrolytic Cop. Spot	13⅝—13¾	13½—13¾
Do. do. Futures	13¾	13¾—13⅞
Freight Heavy Grain to U. Kingdom, per bushel	2/6—3/3	2/3—3/3
Freight, Heavy Grain to Continent, per bushel	16	16
Freight, Cont. to L'pool (high density)	25	25
Do. Stand. (per 100lb.)	30	30

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

WHEAT—Spot market steady, ⅛c. down. Bradstreet's report on the visible supply shows an increase of 6,859,000 bushels on the week. Receipts—Atlantic, 538,000; last year, 856,000. Clearances, 811,000; last year, 501,000.

FLOUR steady.

CORN—Spot market firm, ⅛c. dearer. According to Bradstreet's statement the visible supply east of the Rockies increased 307,000 bushels on the week. Receipts—Atlantic, 92,000; last year, 88,000. Clearances, 13,000; last year, 82,000.

LARD—Cash market quiet and unaltered.

COFFEE opened easy, 9 to 12 points lower, owing to disappointing Brazilian market advices and was further depressed by liquidation and selling by New Orleans interests. Partial recoveries were made subsequently under covering operations, and the market closed steady, although 10 to 4 points down on the day. Spot steady and unchanged. Approximate sales, 31,000 bags. Dec., 10.25; March, 9.41; May, 8.79; July, 8.55; Sept., 8.37.

RUBBER steady, ⅛c. down to unchanged. First latex crepe, 26½; smoked ribbed sheets, 26½.

SUGAR steady. Porto Rico unquoted. Futures steady, 3 to 7 points lower. Approximate future sugar sales, 17,000 tons. Jan., 5.35; March, 4.66; May, 4.71; July, 4.77. 10,000 bags of Cuban sugar were sold to-day at 7.28 for shipment first half of January.

COTTON opened steady, 9 points lower to 5 points higher. Values rose for a time owing to the movement showing signs of interior exhaustion, encouraging cable advices, expected bullish visible supply figures, improved Southern spot markets, Wall street support and buying by spot houses. Then reports of curtailment of Southern mills and selling for foreign account caused recessions, and the market closed easy, but 22 points up to unchanged. Spot steady at 20 points decline. The quantity of cottonseed crushed since 1st August amounts to 7,563,000 tons. Receipts—Atlantic, 7,000; Gulf, 21,000. Exports—Britain, nil; Continent, 6,000. New York futures in last twenty seconds of trading:—Dec., lowest 35.27, highest 35.28; Jan., 34.35, 34.38; March, 34.80, 34.84; April, 34.85, 34.85; May, 34.90, 34.97; June, 34.55, 34.55; July, 34.20, 34.30; Aug., 31.35, 31.35; Sept., 29.20, 29.50; Oct., 28.47, 28.47; Nov., 28.10, 28.10. New Orleans cotton futures in last minute of trading:—March, lowest 34.71, 34.78; May, 34.64, 34.72.

COTTON OIL steady.

PETROLEUM steady. TALLOW steady.

IRON firm, 50 points up to unchanged.

TIN easy, 25 points cheaper.

ELECTROLYTIC COPPER steady.

KANSAS CITY—Wheat easy and 1c. lower; No. 2 hard winter, 109¼.

ST. LOUIS—Wheat steady at ¼c. fall; No. 2 red winter, 112½.

MINNEAPOLIS—Wheat barely steady and ⅛c. cheaper; No. 1 Northern spring, 111½.

WINNIPEG—Wheat opened steady and unchanged to ⅛c. up, but closed barely steady, ⅛c. down to unchanged; May, 98½; July, 100¼. Oats steady at ⅛c. fall; May 41¼.

CHICAGO, Wednesday.

WHEAT opened steady at ⅛c. advance, and gained more on an expected bullish Bureau report, higher Liverpool cables, and operators buying; then declined under weaker outside markets, a poor export and outside inquiry, and foreign competition. After some late covering the market closed barely steady at ⅛c. to ⅛c. fall. Spot easy. No. 2 hard winter, spot, 108½; No. 3 hard winter, spot, nominal; December 104½; May, 108½; July, 106¼.

CORN opened steady at ⅛c. rise, and further improved on bad roads for the crop movement, predictions of adverse weather, and buying by Armour interests and commission houses; but subsequently declined owing to larger country offerings, favourable Argentine reports, and realising. The market closed irregular, ⅛c. higher to ⅛c. lower. No. 2 mixed, spot, 83½. December, 71½; May, 73½; July, 75.

OATS irregular, ⅛c. down to ⅛c. up. December, 42½; May, 45½; July, 43½.

PROVISIONS opened quiet, and lard rose on light stocks and offerings, shorts covering, and a good cash demand. The market closed steady, with lard 7½ to 12½ points up and ribs unchanged to 5 points down; pork unquoted. Lard—January, 12.17½; March, 12.17½; May, 12.20. Ribs—January, 9.75; May, 9.92½.

BACON steady and unchanged. The receipts of hogs at 15 principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1, total (amended) 6,517,000, against 5,230,000 for the same season last year.

HOGS closed steady, with light 5 points lower and heavy unchanged.

	Bacon. 60lbs.average.	169 to 250 lbs.		240 to 320 lbs.	
To-day	9.87½	6.50	6.95	6.90	7.20
Prev. day	9.87½	6.55	7.00	6.90	7.20

LLOYD'S MAIL NEWS.

ARLANZA, for Southampton, left Santos 17.
ARAGUAYA, Southampton for Buenos Ayres, arrived Madeira 19.
ASSAYE, from Southampton, arrived Bombay 19.
AUTHOR, from Liverpool, arrived San Pedro 17.
BATHURST, for Liverpool, left Grand Popo 17.
BALFE, from Swansea, arrived Santos 17.
BRANKSOME HALL, for Karachi; CORNISHMAN, for Portland Maine; and NARDANA, Port Pirie for the United Kingdom, arr. Melbourne 18.
CHAMA, Duala for the United Kingdom, arr. Lagos 16.
CITY OF ADELAIDE, from Liverpool, arrived Calcutta 19.
CITY OF BRISTOL, from Cardiff, arrived Sydney 18.
DAYTONIAN, for Boston, left the Mersey 19.
DEVANHA, Kobe for London, arrived Singapore 19.
DROMORE CASTLE, from New York, left Natal 19.
DONGARRA, for Port Sudan, left Fremantle 17.
DUENDES, from the Clyde, called Mollendo 18.
DRYDEN, for Liverpool, left Santos 17.
EKARI, West Africa for Liverpool, arrived Port Harcourt 17.
ESPERANCE BAY, for Brisbane, left Gravesend 18.
GRANGE, from Buenos Ayres, arrived Hull 19.
GALILEO, for New York, left Hull 18.
GASCON, Beira for London, called Algoa Bay 16.
JEBBA, for London, arrived Secondee 15.
KATHLAMBA, Brisbane for the U.K., arr. Sydney 17.
KALYAN, Yokohama for London, left Aden 18.
KHYBER, Sydney for London, left Marseilles 18.
KENUTA, for Coronel, left Gravesend 19.
MICHIGAN, from Barry, arrived Portland (Maine) 18.
MOREA, London for Kobe, arr. Port Said 19.
MANISTEE, from Santa Marta, and ENOYSTON MATSUYE MARU, Newport for Kobe, arrived Port Said 19.
MULBERA, from London, arrived Colombo 18.
MACEDONIA, London for Japan, arr. Shanghai 18.
OTHELLO, Hull for Bombay, left Port Said 15.
PEGU, for Glasgow, left Rangoon 18.
PLASSY, London for Bombay, left Gibraltar 18.
PANCRAS, Liverpool for Para, arrived Leixoes 18.
SUEVA MARU, the Tees for Kobe, arr. Hong Kong 19.
SERBINO, for Port Pirie, left Barry 18.
VIRGILIA, for London, left Portland (Maine) 18.
WOODARRA, from London, arrived Cairns 16.

Cunard Line.

AQUITANIA left Cherbourg at 10 p.m. on Tuesday for New York.
BERENGARIA arrived at New York at noon on Tuesday from Southampton and Cherbourg.
VELLAVIA arrived at Portland on Tuesday morning from Boston.
VIRGINIA left Portland on Tuesday for London.

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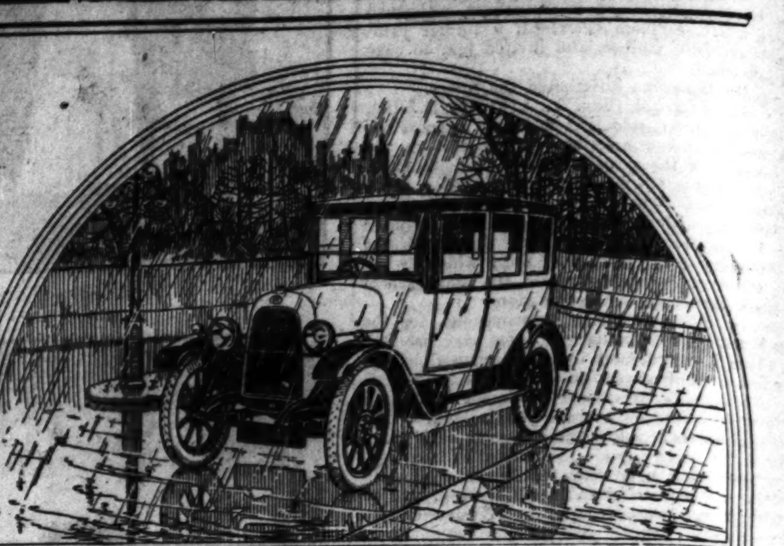
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CHESS.

TAILTEANN TOURNAMENTS.

A meeting of the Committee of the Tailteann Chess Tournaments will be held this evening at the Dublin Chess Club at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of completing arrangements for holding the tournaments during Tailteann Week. There will be three competitions, viz.:—The Tailteann Chess Championship, the Tailteann Major Tournament, and the Tailteann Minor Tournament. An *objet d'art* as prize will be offered in each, and entrance will be free. Competitors must be of Irish parentage, or have resided in Ireland for twelve months prior to August, 1924.

Further particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. B. Rowland, Rosedale, Bray.

THE VELIE 58 TOURING CAR.

Mr. Collins, the American Vice-Consul, paid a visit to the premises of Mr. T. J. Rogers, 42-45 South King street, Dublin, for the purpose of inspecting a Velie Model 58 five passenger touring car, which has been imported direct from the makers in America. This is the first time that the Velie has appeared in Ireland. The specially built motor possesses great power and flexibility. It is as free from vibration at sixty miles as at six, with oil forced to every moving part, even the piston pins. The car, it is claimed, is easily handled in traffic. Its long springs, big tyres, and deep, restful cushions ensure the comfort of the occupants, while the general finish is attractive.

FINLAND-HULL SERVICE.

HELSINGFORS, Wednesday.

The Finland Steamship Company has ordered a big new passenger steamer for use on the Finland-Copenhagen-Hull service. The vessel will cost about 25,000,000 Finnish marks, and to cover the expense the company has asked for a Government loan of 6,000,000 marks for twelve years.—(Reuter.)

At a Congress at Salisbury, Rhodesia, yesterday of the Government Party, at which the Premier and members of the Cabinet were present, it was decided that the party should henceforth be known as the Rhodesian Party.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

FUNDS STILL FALLING. BANKS MOSTLY BETTER. MARCONIS DEPRESSED. RAILS IRREGULAR. TEXTILES LOWER. TOBACCOS IDLE.

Selling orders still preponderated on the Dublin Stock Exchange, and although here and there more resistance was shown, the actual volume of business passing was still of unsatisfactory dimensions owing to diffidence regarding the political outlook at home and abroad, quite outside the influences associated with the approaching Christmas and turn of the year. British Funds continue to shrink in market value. Banks show firmness, with the exception of Nationals, which eased slightly. Breweries and Distilleries did not fluctuate, and dealings were few. Depression overtook the market for Marconi Shares, and the price slumped badly. Among Home Rails, "Cashel" Stocks closed on balance higher, but Midland Great Western Ord. relapsed again on sale of an exceptional lot. Great Northern Pre-Ord. Stocks fluctuated irregularly. Dublin United Tram issues were unaltered. Dunlop Rubber and Parent Tyre Shares were on offer. Textiles remain sellers, with J. and P. Coats Ord. no better than 60s. 6d. Courtaulds were offered. Tobaccos and Oils did not quote, but were rather uncertain, judging by quotations from the other side.

The Funds were again lower. Consols fell ⅛ to 55¼, Funding Loan ⅜ to 86¼, and India 3½ p.c. 1/16 to 64 11/16. War Loan 5 p.c. repeated 99⅝ at the earlier market, but fell to 99 7/16 later. Dublin Port and Docks 3½ p.c. again quoted 59.

Banks were well held. Bank Stock rallied ½ to 246, and Munster and Leinsters 1/16 to 6 11/16, while Hibernians repeated 7, but Nationals fell ⅛ to 19 13/16.

In Breweries and Distilleries, Guinness Ord. repeated 37½, and Dublin Distillers Pref. 68s.

Marconi Ord. fell 2s. 6d. to 39s., after dealing at 39s. 6d., 39s. 3d.

Home Rails were irregularly disposed. Great Southern Ord. rose 1 to 47, and the Debs. ¾ to 70¾ after earlier dealing at 71, but the Guaranteed fell 1 to 58, and the Pref. repeated 57½. Great Northern Ord. fell ½ to 61, the Guaranteed ¾ to 65¾, but the Debs. rose 1 to 71. Midland Great Western fell ¾ to 34, and Dublin and South-Eastern ¼ to 18¼.

In Trams, Dublin United Ord. repeated 6¾ and the Pref. 9¼.

In Drapery Shares, Pim Bros. Ord. repeated 67s. 6d.

Manufacturing Shares were exceptionally idle. Coats fell 6d. to 60s. 6d., but Cottons rose 1½d. to 48s. 10½d. Courtaulds were sold at 58s. 6d., and Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref. repeated 21s. 3d.

In Trading, etc., Maguire and Gatchell Pref. rose 7½d. to 48s. 9d., but Dockrell Pref. fell 6d. to 14s. 6d.

Other business done included Radio Common, which eased 1½d. to 19s. 1½d., and Yam Seng Rubber again realised 2s.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.

Transactions for cash marked "c."

Consols	..(55¼) 55¼	G.N. Ord.	..(61½) 61
5% War Ln.	(99¾) 99⅝ 7/16	Do. Pref.	..(64) 62s
Funding Loan	(86½) 86¼	Do. Guar.	..(66½) *65¾
5½% Exch. Bds. '25	..101¼	Do. Deb.	..(70) 71
War Bonds '28	..105	G.S.W. Ord.	..(46) *47
3% Land Stk.	(62¼) 61¼	Do. Pref.	..(57½) *57½
India 3½%	..(65¼) 64 11/16	Do. Guar.	..(59) 58
Dublin Port	..(59) 59	Do. Deb.	..(70) 71 *70¾
Bank of Ireland	(245½) *246c 6	M.G.W. Ord.	..(34¾) *34
Hibernian	..(7) 7	Dublin Trams	..(6¾) *6¾
Mun. & Lein.	..(6¾) 6 11/16	Do. Pref.	..(9¼) 9¼
National	..(19 15/16) 19 13/16	Pim Ord.	..(67/6) 67/6
Dub. Dist. Pf.	..(68/-) 68/-	Coats	..(61/-) 60/6
Guinness	..(37½) 37½	Cottons	..(48/9) 48/10½
Marconi	..(41/6) 39/6 9/3 9/-	Courtaulds	..(59/6) *58/6
		Lever 7%	..(21/3) 21/3
		Dockrell Pref.	(15/-) 14/6
Radio Com.	(19/3) 19/1½	Maguire Pf.	(48/1½) *48/9
D.S.E. Ord.	..(18¼) 18¼	Yam Seng	..(2/-) 2/-

*Odd lot; b bid, a asked.

(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount .... 5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit .... 2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day	Dec. 21	Jan. 7
General contango day	Dec. 24	Jan. 8
Ticket day	Dec. 27	Jan. 9
Account day	Dec. 28	Jan. 10

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The Stock Exchange will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next.

BELFAST.

Exchange was dull yesterday, and prices inclined to droop. War Loan dealt in at 99¼. Conversion Loan brought 75 3/16, Westminster Bank declined ⅛ to 17⅛. New Shares improved 3d. to 49s. 6d. Great Northern Railway Stock ⅛ lower at 61⅛. York Street Flax Spinning Co. 7 p.c. Pref. firm at 20s. 7½d. Inglis and Co. Ord. 6 p.c. Pref. unchanged at 21s. 3d. Imperial Tobacco dealt in at 68s. Dunlop Rubber repeated 7s. 3d. Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref. brought 21s. 1½d.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Prices slowly crumbling. Austins dull, following the annual meeting. Fourth Debentures 50. Humbers flat. Enfield drooping. Rovers well supported. Tyres quiet. Austins, 2/6; Bluemels, 44/-; Calthorpes, 5/-; Components, 4/-; S.T.D., 6/1½; Enfields, 21/-; Humbers, 21/9; Rolls, 28/-; Rovers, 14/1½; Singers, 23/9; Swifts, 6/-; Triumphs, 30/-; Vauxhalls, 6/6; Dunlops, 7/3; Parent Def., 25/6; Harper Bean, 1/3; Standards, 47/6; Calcotts, 38/9.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles maintain their ground well. Dyers and Cottons better. Bleachers, 45/-45/6; do. Pref., 21/-21/6; Dyers, 66/-67/-; do. Pref., 19/6-19/9; Calicos, 29/9-30/-; do. Pref., 17/6-17/9; Cottons, 49/-50/-; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; Spinners, 46/6-47/-; do. Pref., 19/6-20/-; "Slubbers," 8/-8/3; Coats, 60/6-61/-; Velvets, 26/-27/-; Ship Canal, 8½-9; do. Pref., 8 7/16-½.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Atlas, 16¾; British General, 35/6, 9d., 6d.; Commercial Union, 18½, 7/16, ½, 7/16, ½; Employers' Liability, 84/7½, 2/6; General Accident 5 p.c. Pref., 18/4½, 17/9; Guardian Eastern, 6/6, 7½d.; Licenses and General, 52/6; Liverpool and London and Globe, 85, 4½, 5; London and Lancashire, 15½, £15 6/-, £15 10/3, £15 6/5, 15⅛; North British and Mercantile 4 p.c. Pref., 82 x.d.; Northern Assurance, 14¼, ½, 11/16, ⅝; Phoenix, 10⅝; do. Pelican Shares, 11¼; do. Norwich Union, £11 6/6; do. 4 p.c. Deb. Stock, 77; do. 5 p.c. Registered Deb. Stock, 100; Royal Exchange, 465; Royal Insurance, 23, 1/16, ⅛, 3; Scottish Union and National, 9 7/16, ½; Sea Insurance, 66/3, 2/6; Sun Insurance, 17 3/16, ⅛; Victory, 3/-.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL.—Alliance, New, 13⅛; Atlas, 16¾; Commercial Union, 18⅛, ½; Employers' Liability, 83/3, 3/-; General Accident, 129/3; Guardian, 7; London and Lancashire, 16⅛, ⅛, 1/16, ⅛, ⅛; London Assurance, 8 11/16; North British and Mercantile, 15⅛, ½; Northern, 298/3; Royal Insurance, 23, 1/16, ⅛, 3, ⅛, 1/16; Scottish Union, 9 7/16; Sun, 17⅛.

TEA SHARES.

Market still weak, and prices lower:—Anglo-Ceylon Estates, 47/9—3d.; Con. T. and L. Ord., £33½—½; Dooars (x.d.), 69/9—1½d.; Doom Dooma (£1), 70/6+6d.; E.I. and Ceylon (x.d.), 40/-—1/6; Empire (x.d.), 54/3—3d.; Imperial Ord., 37/3—1½d.; Jokai (£1), 62/-+9d.; Jorehaut (£1), 66/-—1/-.

Business done:—Anglo-Ceylon, 46/-, 8/-, 7/9; Ceylon, 76/-, 7/-; Chulsa, 47/-; Consolidated, 33⅝; Dimbula Valley, 46/3; Dooars (x.d.), 70/6, 69/9; Doom Dooma, 70/6; East India (x.d.), 40/-; Empire of India (x.d.), 54/9, 3d.; Imperial, 37/3; Jokai, 62/6, 1/3, 60/7½, 2/-; Jorehaut, 66/-; Dooloogram, 66/3; Haydella, 12/6; Poomnudi, 3/3.

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LONDON STOCKS IRREGULAR.

A GLOOMY CLOSE.

The Stock markets were very uncertain yesterday, and the volume of business was small. The tone at the opening was inclined towards improvement and for a time it seemed that confidence would be restored, but later on it wavered, and again depression ruled all round. Falls were general, and at the close the tone was almost gloomy. In British Funds, Consols fell ⅛ to 55, the 3½ p.c. War Loan at 95⅝ lost ⅛, and the 5 p.c. War Loan also shed ⅛ at 99¼. The Funding Loan fell ⅛ to 86½, and Victory Bonds at 91 also lost ⅛. India Threes fell ½ at 55¼, and the 3½ p.c. also lost ⅛.

In FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, Argentines Fives of 1909 gained 1 at 96, and Brazil Funding of 1908 rose 1 to 81. French Loans continued dull, the Fives losing ½ at 24½, and the Fours ⅛ at 19 x.d. Chinese issues were heavy, the Fives of 1896 at 92 and the 4½ p.c. at 80 both losing a point.

HOME RAILS continued their downward course, though it was not quite so marked. London, Midland and Scottish Pref. fell 1 to 78¼, and the Pref. of 1923 lost 1 at 77½. London North-Eastern Def. Ord. fell ½ to 31¼. The First Pref. at 78½ and the Second Pref. at 77½ both fell a point. Southern Pref. Ord. at 84 lost ⅛, and the 5 p.c. Pref. fell 1 to 97½. Metropolitan Pref. fell 2 to 95½.

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS were dull, and but little changed. United of Havana rose 1½ to 79. Antofagasta Ord. fell 1 to 84, and Grand Trunk Pacific Debs. at 48½ lost 1. Bahia Blanca fell ½ to 78½.

OIL SHARES QUIET.

LEADERS WEAK.

Extremely quiet conditions prevailed in the Oil Share market yesterday, business being on an even smaller scale than on the preceding day. The uncertainty in regard to the political situation continues the governing factor, while with the approach of the carry-over and the Christmas holidays public interest is almost non-existent, and professionals are holding aloof. Leading issues generally moved within narrow limits. Shells maintained a steady tone, but were finally without alteration. Few transactions took place in Royal Dutch, and mainly as a result of the absence of demand the quotation moved down. Mexican Eagle shares at one time had an improving tendency, but a slight shrinkage was finally recorded. The Anglo-Persian issues left off easier. A firmer tendency characterised Roumanians, gains being marked in Phoenix and Steaua Romana (British). Little interest was displayed in Trinidad issues, and prices, where altered, were easier. Lobitos were offered and moved down, but otherwise movements were of little importance. Closing prices:—

M.U. Dec. 11.				
⅝	Agwi Petroleum	⅝	11/16	
2⅞	Anglo-American	2⅞	2½xd	
1 1/16	Anglo-Ecuadorian	1 1/16	1⅛xr	
1⅛	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1 1/16	1⅛	
22/0	Anglo-Persian 8 p.c.	21/1½	21/7½	
22/6	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	21/9	22/3	−0/1½
2⅛	Do. Ord., issued 3½ p.c.	2 1/16	2⅛	− 1/32
90	Do. 5 p.c. Deb.	88	90	
2⅛	Apex Trinidad	2	2 1/16	− 1/16
11/0	Brit. Borneo Pet. (10/-)			
6/9	British Burmah (8/-)	6/6	7/6	
5/3	British Controlled	4/10½	5/1½	−0/1½
5/3	Do. Pref.	5/10½	6/1½	−0/1½
4⅛	Burmah	3⅞	4⅛	
24/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	23/6	24/0	
1/9	Caltex	1/6	1/9	−0/1½
12/6	Dacia Romano		¾	
5⅛	Eagle Transport	4⅞	5⅛	− 1/16
102½	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	102	103	
103½	Do. Bearer	103	104	
4/4½	General Pet. Trinidad A	4/0	4/6	
	Indo Burmah	0/3	0/9	
15/3	Kern River (10/-)	14/3	14/9	
6⅛	Lobitos	6 1/16	6⅛	− 1/16
20/7½	Mexican Eagle	19/0	19/6	−0/1½
20/7½	Do. Pref.	18/9	19/3	
13/7½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	12/9	13/3	−0/1½
—	North Caucasian (10/-)	⅜	7/16	
—	Oilfields Egypt	1/0	1/6	
2/6	Peru Syndicate	1/6	2/6	−0/6
16/3	Phoenix	14/10½	15/4½	+0/3
2/3	Premier Oil	2/0	2/6	
—	Rumanian Consolidated	11/9	12/3	
33⅞	Royal Dutch	32⅞	33⅛	− ⅜
/10½	Scottish American	0/9	1/0	
3⅝	Shell Transport	3⅝	3¾	
9⅞	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9¾	9⅞	
23/7½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	22/7½	23/1½	
2/9	Spies (10/-)	2/1½	2/7½	−0/1½
7/3	Steaua Romana	6/9	7/3	+0/3
5/0	Tankers Pref.	4/7½	5/1½	−0/1½
1⅝	Trinidad Central			
1⅛	Trinidad Lease	1⅛	1 3/16	
6/10½	United Brit. Trinidad	5/9	6/3	−0/3
	Ural Caspian		⅛	− 1/32
4/0	Urox Oil	3/3	3/9	
1⅝	V.O.C. Holdings	1 9/16	1⅝	
1⅛	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	1 1/16	1⅛	

RUBBER SHARES IMPROVE.

The Rubber Share market was slightly better yesterday, though business was not at all active. There were, however, a few advances of an encouraging character. Kuala Lumpur rose 2s. 6d. to 35s., United Sua Betong at 61s. 3d. gained 1s. 3d., Tremelbye rose 9d. to 12s., and Sapumalkande also gained 9d. at 21s. Sumatra Consols at 19s. 4½d. improved 7½d. Tebrau fell 1s. 4½d. to 29s. 6d., Glen Bervie 1s. 3d. to 26s., and Bukit Rajah 1s. to 20s. The price of raw rubber fell to 14½d. per lb. Closing prices:—

M.U. Dec. 11.			
38/0	Anglo-Dutch	33 7½	−0/1½
2/6	Anglo-Java	2/4½	
21/9	Anglo-Malay	19/9	
4/4½	Bertam Cons.	4/1½	
2/10½	Bukit Mertajam	2/8	
1/7½	Bukit Sembawang	1/7	
15	Damansara	14/3	
19/0	Grand Central	18/0	
1½	Highlands	31/3	
2/9	Kamuning	2/5	
4/4½	Kepong	4/4½	
1⅝	Kuala Lumpur	35/0	+2/6
1⅛	Labu	27/3	
1⅛	Linggi	30/0	
3/7½	London-Asiatic	3/3½	
1⅛	Malacca	31/3	
24/4½	Malayalam	26/6	
2/9	Merliman	2/7½	
1⅛	Mooply Valley	19/0	
2/4½	Port Dickson	2/1½	
25/0	Rubber Trust	23/9	
1⅛	Seafield	14/4½	
1⅛	Sendayan	33/0	
1⅛	Sialang	30/0	
19/6	Straits Rubber	19/3	
21/6	Tali Ayer	20/0	−0/10½
1⅛	Tandjong	31/3*	
2/3	Un. Serdang	2/1½	
3⅛	United Sua Betong	61/3	+1/3
11/6	Vallambrosa	10/9	

Anglo-Sum.	10/3		N. Hummock	18/7½	
Bah Lias	22/9		P.P.K.(C'yl'n)	18/6	
Batu Tiga	26/3		Pataling	19/10½	
B.N.B.R.Trst	10/0		Pilmoor	18/7½	
Brieh	1/7		Rim Malacca	3/0	
Bukit Cloh	3/6	−0/6	Rub.E.Johore	22/7½	
Bukit Rajah	20/0	−1/0	Sapong	26/3	
Castlefield	4/6		Sapumalk'de	21/0	+0/9
Cheviot	2/10½		Selangor	4/3	
Cicely	4/3		SerdangC'nt'l	24/0	
Eastern Trust	13/6	−0/3	Soember Aioe	1/3	
Gen.Ceylon	15/0		Sumatra Con.	19/4½	+0/7½
Glenbervie	26/0	−1/3	Sungei Buaya	25/9	−0/6
Golden Hope	27/6		Sungei Choh	13/7½	
Java Amal.	12/6		SungeiKapar	3/6½	
Kapar Para	26/9		Sungei Kr. Pf.	35/0	
Kasintoe	19/9		Taiping	1/4½	
Kepitigalla	7/3		Tebrau	29/6	−1 4½
Kombok	2/9½		Telogoredjo	25/0	
Langkat Sum	27/6		Tempeh	3/0	
Ledbury	25/3		Un. Temiang	2/7½	
Munch'ter N B	28/0		Yam Seng	2/0	
Membakut	16/0				

* Ex Div. † Ex Rights. ‡ Cum div.

CHARLES MARSDEN AND SONS.

Mr. Justice Romer, on a petition by Charles Walmsley and Co., judgment creditors for over £23,000, ordered the compulsory liquidation of Charles Marsden and Sons, Ltd., one of the Becker group of paper manufacturers, with mills at Barnsley, Wakefield, Tamworth, and Salford, and a large warehouse at Sheffield.

Mr. W. G. Hart, for the defendant company, asked for an adjournment to enable some scheme of reconstruction to be formulated.

Mr. Bischoff, for the petitioners, strenuously opposed any adjournment, which, he said, was only asked for in order to get rid of the compulsory order. It would be observed that the company was not putting forward any scheme to avoid liquidation. If there had been such a proposal he would have considered it.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

Public sales embraced four catalogues jointly totalling 11,970 bales, comprising 3,422 bales New South Wales and Queensland, 1,964 Victorian, 6,950 New Zealand, 364 Cape, 164 Hungarian, and 49 Punta Arenas. A very firm sale resulted, with animated competition for home and Continental buyers, particularly for medium and fine crossbreds, which continue to display a hardening tendency. American purchases were on a somewhat larger scale, fine greasy merinos being mostly favoured, while all classes of scoured merino and crossbreds move off freely at full rates.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL SALES.

The eighth series of wool sales ended at Sydney yesterday, when 8,228 bales were offered, of which 5,915 were sold. Private sales consisted of 2,143 bales. There was keen competition in all sections, and the market closed firm at late rates. Greasy merino realised 34½d.

CLOSING PRICES.

The quotations in the following tables were made up at an earlier hour than, and may, therefore, vary to some extent from, those given in our comments:—

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	54⅞-55⅛ − ⅛	3½% Conv. Ln.	75-75⅛
War Ln. 3½%	95⅝-96 − ⅛	Irish Lnd 2¾%	53-57
do. 4½%	96⅞-97⅛	India 3%	55-56 ½
do. 5%	99-99½ − ⅛	do. 3½%	64⅛-65⅛ − ¼
do. 4% (Tax free)	100-101	do. 5½%	99½-100½*
		do. 7%	114-116
Fund'g L'n	86-87 − ⅛	Local Loans	63⅛-64⅛
Victory Bds.	90⅞-91⅛ − ⅛	Sudan 5½ p.c.	107-109*

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Alberta 4½ 1943	92-94	Nigeria 6%	111-113*
Aust.Com.5¾%	99-101	Q'sland 4,1940-50	88-?
do. 6%	104-106	do. 4½, 1920-5	96-98
Brit.Col 4½ 1941	91-93*	do. 6% 1930-40	103-5
Canada 4%	87-89 +1	S. Africa 4% Cns	86-88
do. 4½ 1920-5	99½-100½*	do. 6%	103-105
Cape 3½ Cons.	78-80*	S.A'rici'n4,'40-60	84-86
Ceylon 6%	105-7*	do. 5½%	100-102
Natal 3½ '34	81-83	do. 6½%	106-8
N.S.W. 4½ 1922-7	96-98*	Victoria 4,1940-60	85-87
do. 5½ 1922-7	99-101*	do. 6½% 1923-5	108-?
do. 5¾% 1922-32	99-101*	W.Aust'n 4% 42-62	83-85
do. 6½% 1930-40	106-8	do. 3½% 1930-60	102-104
N.Zeal'd 4, '29	93-95		

AMERICAN RAILS.

M.U. Dec. 11.				
—	Atchison	108	110	−1
—	Baltimore	65	67	−1
—	Chesapeake	79	81*	
—	Chicago Milwaukee	13	15	−1
24⅛	Erie	23	24	
—	Do. 1st Pref.	32	34	
—	New York, Ontario	17	19	
43	Southern Common	41	43	−1
—	Do. Pref.	75	77	−1
—	Southern Pacific	98	100	−1
—	Union Pacific	143	145	−2⅛

BRITISH RAILS.

M.U.				
110⅛	Great Western	107	108	
105	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord.	102	103	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	77	80	−1
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Red. Pref.	97	100	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	98	101	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923	76	79	−1
86⅛	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	84	85	
33⅛	Do. Def. Ord.	31⅛	31⅜	− ⅜
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	77	80	−1
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	76	79	−1
74⅛	Metropolitan	70	71	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	94	97	−2
55	Do. District	53⅛	54⅛	
86	Southern Pref. Ord.	83⅛	84⅛	− ⅛
40	Do. Def. Ord.	37	38	
36	Do. "A"	33⅛	34⅛	
12	Do. "B"	10⅛	11⅛	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	96	99	−1
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pf. 1924	97	100	
3⅛	Underground Electric	2⅞	3	
100⅛	Do. Income Bonds	99	101	
103	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	104	106*	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

M.U.				
87	Antofagasta	83	85	−1
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	71	73*	
—	Bahia Blanca	77⅛	79⅛	− ⅛
—	Brazil Railway Common	⅞	1⅛	
80⅛	Buenos Ayres Gt. S.	78	80	
72	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	70	72	
72	Buenos Ayres and W.	70	72	
168	Canadian Pacific	166	168	
67	Central Argentine	65	67	
42	Central Uruguay	44	46	
—	Entre Rios	15	17	
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	66	68	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	79	81*	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Deb.	47	50	−1
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	79	81*	
20⅛	Leopoldina	19⅛	21⅛	
9⅛	Mexican Rails	8	9	
27⅛	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	25	27	
17⅛	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	15	17	
2	Mexican Nat 1st Pref.	4	5	
2	Mexican Nat. 2nd Pref.	1⅛	2⅛	
13⅛	San Paulo Ord.	131	136	
80	United Havana	78	80	+1⅛

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U.				
100	Argentine, 1886	99	101	
73	Do. 4 p.c. Rescissions	72	74	
88⅛	Do. 5 p.c. 1909	95	97	+1
40⅛	Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	39	41	
80⅛	Do. Funding, 1908	80	82	+1
69⅛	Do. 5 p.c. 1914	68	70	
94	Chinese 5 p.c., 1896	91	93	−1
81⅛	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	79	81	−1
67	Do. 5 p.c. 1912	65	67	
95⅛	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	93	95	
72⅛	Egyptian Unified	72	74	
25	French Loan	27⅛	24⅛	− ⅛
19⅛	Do. 4 p.c.	18⅛	19⅛*	− ⅛
13/3	German 3 p.c.	⅛	⅛*	
19⅛	Italian Rentes	17	19	
108⅛	Japanese 4½ p.c. 1st	107	109	
93	Do. 4 p.c., 1905	91	95	
84	Do. New 5 p.c. 1907	83	85	
57	Mexican 5 p.c. '99	54	59	
67	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas	64	69	
2⅛	Peruvian Corporation	2⅛	3	
26	Do. Pref.	25	26	
33⅛	Do. Deb.	32	34	
33⅛	Portuguese 3 p.c.	32	34	
108⅛	San Paulo 8 p.c.	108	110	
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	63	65	
54⅛	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	55	56	

BANKS.

M.U.				
—	Agricultural of Egypt	7	7⅛	
—	Anglo-South American	7	7⅛	
—	Australasia	12⅛	13⅛	
—	Bank New South Wales	38	39*	
—	Bank of New Zealand	2 7/16	2½	
—	Barclays "A"	7⅛	7⅛	− ⅛
—	British of Foreign Trade	⅛		
—	British Overseas	5	5⅛	
—	Canadian of Commerce	39	41	
—	Chartered of India	19⅛	19⅛	
—	Hong Kong	124	125	− ⅛
—	Lloyds	57/6	58/6	−1/0
—	Midland	8⅛	8⅛	− 1/16
—	National Discount "B"	7⅛	8⅛	
—	National Prov. (£4 p.)	10⅛	11	
—	Royal Bank of Canada	46	48*	
—	Standard South Africa	10⅛	10⅛	
—	Union of Australia	14⅛	15	
—	Westminster Bank	17	17⅛	

TELEGRAPHS.

M.U.				
23	Anglo-American Def.	23	23⅛	
—	Marconi Wireless Ord.	1⅞	2 1/16	
1⅞	Do. Pref.	1⅞	1⅞*	
—	Do. Debs.	103⅛	105⅛	
1⅛	Do. Marine	1⅛	1⅛	
6/3	Do. Canada	4/10½	5/1½	−0/3
—	Oriental Telephone	1⅞	2*	
17/0	Radio Corporation	18/0	18/6	−0/6
17/6	Do. Pref	17/0	17/9	−0/6

MISCELLANEOUS.

M.U.				
—	Abonkir Land	1⅛	1 3/16	
26/0	Aerated Bread	1 1/16	1⅛*	
29/6	African and East. Trade	27/6	29/6	
20⅛	Alianza	20	21	
3⅛	Allsopp £1 Shares	⅜	⅛	
70	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	66	70	−2
9/9	Amalgamated Cotton	8/3	9/3	
3⅛	Anglo-Argentine 1st Pref.	2⅛	3⅛	
2⅛	Anglo-Chilian Nitrate	2⅛	2⅛	− 1/16
8/0	Argentine Northern Land	⅛	⅛	
21 0	Do. Southern Land	1	1⅛	
17/3	Armstrong (W. G.)	15/3	16/3	−0/3
19/0	Associated Cement	18/0	19/0	
17/9	Do. Pref.	16/9	17/9	
5⅛	Assd. Newspapers Def.	4⅛	5	
—	Bartholomay Pref.	⅛	⅛	
92	Bass, Ratcliff 6 p.c. Pref.	89	92	−1
35/0	Do. Ord.	1⅞	1 15/16	
2⅛	Bleachers	1⅛	2⅛	
1⅛	Borax Con. Def.	1⅛	1⅛*	
28/3	Bovril Def.	1⅛	1⅛	
45⅛	Brazilian Traction	44	46	
30/106	British Portland Cement	1⅛	1⅛	
10/6	B.S.A.	9/0	10/0	−0/6
8/0	British Cellulose Ord.	7/6	8/0	−0/4½
26/9	British Oil and Cake	1⅛	1⅛	
12/6	B.N.B. Land	⅛	⅛	
84⅛	Brit. Col. Electric Rail.	81⅛	80⅛	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Debs.	89	92	
37/6	Brunner Mond	34/6	36/6	
47/0	Bryant and May	2⅛	2⅛	
87/6	Bradford Dyers	2⅛	2⅛	
104/0	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	102/0	104/0	+0/6
—	British Glass	1/0	1/3	−0/1½
30/3	Calico Printers	1⅛	1⅛	
15/0	Cammell Laird	13/6	14/6	−0/6
16/3	Cargo Fleet	⅛	1	− 1/32
33/3	Coats	3	3⅛	
60/0	Courtaulds	58/3	59/3	
—	Court Line	30/1½	31/1½	
2/0	Crosse and Blackwell	2/3	3/3	+0/3
—	Cunard Ord.	⅞	1	
—	De La Rue Deb.	30	31	−1
8/3	Dunlop Rubber	6/9	7/9	
108⅛	Do. Deb.	103	108	
—	Do. Amer. Tire Deb.	85	90	
16/3	Dorman Long	14/0	15/0	
—	Elder Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.	19/0	20/0*	
—	English Electric	16/6	18/0	
49/6	English Sewing Cotton	2 7/16	2½	+ 1/16
46/0	Fine Spinners	2⅛	2⅛	
21/9	Forestal Land	1 1/16	1⅛	
—	Furness Withy	1⅛	1⅛	
20/0	General Electric Ord.	19/0	20/6	−0/3
—	Do. Debs.	102	104	
372	Guinness	360	380*†	
—	Do. Pref.	117	122*	
—	Gramophone Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
33/9	Harrods	1⅞	1⅞	
—	Hoyle Deb.	101	103*	
5⅛	Hudson's Bay Ord.	5⅛	5 11/16*	
70/0	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	67/0	69/0	+0/6
19/0	John Brown	17/0	18/0	
12/6	Do. (15/- paid)	11/6	12/6	
7⅛	Lautaro Nitrate	7⅛	8	
21/6	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	20/9	21/9	
—	Lever 7 p.c. Debs.	105	107	
—	Lever 5 p.c. Debs.	94	96	
28/3	Lipton	1⅛	1⅛	
4⅛	Lyons (J.)	4⅛	4⅛	
29/9	Lagunas Nitrate	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Linen Thread Ord.	1⅛	2	− 1/16
17/6	Lister Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
2⅛	Liverpool Nitrate	2⅛	2⅛	
15/0	London Nitrate	⅛	2⅛	
—	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	28/9	29/9	
6/3	Maypole Def.	5/9	6/3	
—	Mond Nickel Pref.	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Mexican Trams	27	30	
72	Do. Bonds	68	71	
75	Do. L. and P. Bonds	59	62	
15/0	Niger Pref.	14/6	15/6	
21/6	Nobel Ord.	20/0	21/0	
20/9	Do. Pref.	20/0	21/0	
—	Do. Def.	7/6	8/6	
1⅛	Parent Tyre Def.	1⅛	1⅛	
15/0	Do. Ord.	⅛	⅛	
28/3	Pease and Partners	1⅛	1⅛	
—	P. and O. Def.	280	290*	
7/6	Pekin Syndicate	⅛	⅛	
—	Peter Walker Ord.	18/0	19/0	
32/0	Platt Bros. Ord.	30/0	31/0	−1/9
—	Royal Mail Ord.	85	88	
12/6	Rio Negro Lands	1⅛	1⅛	
29/0	Rolls Royce	1⅛	1⅛	
30/6	Rosario Nitrate	29/0	31/0	
21/6	Salt Union	1⅛	1⅛	
24/3	South Durham Steel	2⅛	2⅛	
57	San Paulo Tram Deb.	93	96*	
23/6	South African Breweries	1⅛	1⅛	
1⅛	Shawinigan Water Debs.	115	120	
1⅛	Santa Rita Nitrate	1⅛	1⅛	
2⅛	Santiago Nitrate	2⅛	2⅛	
36/0	Salar del Carmen	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Selfridge 6 p.c. Pref.	1⅛	1⅛	
17/0	Siemens	1⅛	1⅛	− 1/16
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	⅛	⅛	
1⅛	Spratt's Patent	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Tilling Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Do. 5½ p.c. Com. Pref.	4⅛	5⅛	
15/0	Tarapaca Nitrate	13/6	14/6	
—	Union Cold Storage Pref.	1⅛	1⅛	
—	United Alkali	1⅛	1⅛	
9/3	United Steel	8/0	9/0	+0/3
14/0	Vickers Ord.	12/0	13/0	
1⅛	Van Den Berghs	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Do. Pref.	4⅛	4⅛	
—	Walker (John) Pref.	19/6	20/6	
17/0	Wallpaper Def.	1⅛	1⅛*	
—	Wearside Iron C.P.O.	1⅛	1⅛*	

* Ex div. † Ex bonu ‡ Ex rights.

One of the biggest nuggets of silver ever discovered in Ontario, Canada, has been found by a prospector a few miles from Cobalt. It weighed 2,005 pounds, and was about three-quarters silver, and worth £2,000.

LONDON MINING MARKET DULL.

RAND MINES DIVIDEND.

At the opening of the "House" yesterday a rather less gloomy view of the situation seemed to be generally entertained, and quotations all round were harder. Business, however, remained on a painfully small scale, neither the public nor professionals taking much interest in any market. In the Mining section certain of the leading counters were called buyers where they had previously been sellers, but few people really wanted to buy, and dulness again settled over this department. The announcement of a 3s. dividend by the Rand Mines was regarded as disappointing, especially by Paris operators, and selling from that quarter accentuated the weakness. The distribution, however, for the year amounts to 120 per cent., as compared with 100 per cent. for 1922, and it has to be borne in mind that in this case, as in others, rather exaggerated dividend anticipations have been indulged in of late. Conditions were not quite so dismal in the Rhodesian department, and here and there a little business was in progress, but all the movements on the day were against holders, Cam and Motor leading the way. Chartered managed to maintain their position, but "Tanks" and "Zams" were easier. Diamonds were depressed, partly by Paris advices, and the De Beers issues, Consolidated Diamonds, and Angola all receded, notwithstanding the fact that the market for the stones is quite good, considerable parcels of high-class gems having been readily disposed of this week. The price of tin declined 30s. to £232 17s. 6d. per ton, and apart from a modest recovery in Malayan share values were again on the down grade. In the Miscellaneous department Mexico Mines were weak, but otherwise a hardening tendency became noticeable. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Dec. 10.			
1⅛	Anglo-Amer. Corp.	1 3/16-1¼	
16/3	Anglo-French	14/0-15/3	−0/6
3⅛	Brakpan	3⅛-3¼	
9⅛	Cent. Mining (£8)	9⅛-9½	
3⅛	City Deep	2 15/16-3	
20/0	Con. Goldfields	18/0-19/0	−0/6
9/9	Cons. Main Reef	9/0-9/6	
15/9	Cons. Selec. (10/-)	13/0-14/0	−0/3
2⅛	Crown Mines (10/-)	2 9/16-2⅝	
17/3	Durban Deep	16/9-17/3	−0/6
7/9	E. Rand Mining	6/9-7/3	−0/6
4/6	E. Rand Prop.	3/6-5/9	
3⅛	Geduld	3⅛-3⅜	
13/9	Gen. Mining	12/6-13/0	−0/6
11/3	G. M. Investment	10/9-11/3	
6⅛	Government Areas	6 3/16-6¼	
10/3	H.E. Prop.	9/6-10/0	
32/3	Johan'burg Invest	29/9-30/3	−0/6
3/3	Kleinfontein	3/3-3/9	
16/9	Knight's	16/0-17/0	
23/9	Langlaagte Estate	22/6-23/0	−1/0
3⅛	Meyer & Charlton	3⅛-3⅜	
4⅛	M'derfontein (10/-)	4 3/16-4¼	
1⅛	Modder B (5/-)	1 11/16-1¾	
2⅛	Modder Deep (5/-)	2 3/16-2¼	
8/6	Modder East	7/6-8/0	−0/3
1⅛	New State Areas	1⅛-1 3/16	
6/6	Nigel	5/6-6/0	
14/9	Nourse Mines	13/0-13/6	−0/6
3⅛	Rand Mines (5/-)	2 15/16-3	
21/3	Randfontein	18/6-19/0	−0/6
12/0	do. Central	11/0-11/6	−0/6
1⅛	Rob'son Dp. A (1/-)	1 9/16-1⅝	
25/0	Robinson Dp. B	24/0-24/6	−0/6
14/0	Rose Deep	13/9-14/3	−0/3
⅛	S.A. Gold Trust	⅛-⅜	
2⅛	Springs Mines	2⅛-2 9/16	
13/0	Sub Nigel	12/-12/6	−0/6
2⅛	Trans. and Del. B.	2⅜-2½	
17/6	Trans.Con.L. (15/-)	16/0-17/0	−0/6
32/3	Union Corp. (12/6)	29/0-29/6	−0/3
20/0	Van Ryn	18/9-19/3	
3⅛	Van Ryn Deep	3 7/16-3½	− 1/16
17/6	Vereeniging	17/6-18/6	
14/3	Village Deep	12/3-12/9	−0/6
23/3	West Springs	22/9-23/3	−0/3
10/6	Do. Options	8/0-9/0	
1⅛	Witersrand Deep	16/0-17/0	

RUSSIAN.

⅛	Lena Gold	⅜-⅝
7/3	RussoAsiat.Cons	6/6-7/6
2/6	Russian Mining	⅜-⅝
⅛	Siberian Props.	1/16-⅛
⅛	Spassky	⅛-⅜

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Dec. 10.			
6/0	Bechuanaland Ex.	5/3-5/9	−0/3
2⅛	Cam and Motor	2 5/16-2⅜	− 1/16
13/0	Chart'd B.S.A.	12/4½-12/7½	
4/6	Falcon	4/3-4/9	−0/3
16/6	Geika Gold	15/3-15/9	
16/6	Globe & Phoenix (5/-)	15/0-15/9	
6 10½	Gold F. Rho. (10/-)	6/3-6/9	
1⅛	Lonely Reef	1 1/16-1⅛	
2⅛	Rezende	2⅛-2⅝	
5/0	R. Broken Hill (5/-)	4/9-5/0	
12/3	Selukwe	⅞-⅞	
1⅛	Shamva Mines	1 1/16-1⅛	
2⅛	Sherwood Starr	2-2¼	
16/10½	Tanganyika	15/3-15/9	−0/1½
31/0	Vic. Falls Ord.	29/6-30/6	
29/3	do. Pref.	28/9-29/9	
12/0	Wankie Col. (10/-)	⅛-1	
10/3	Zambesia Explor.	9/0-9/6	−0/6
—	Zambesia Min. D.	⅛-⅝	

DIAMOND.

⅛	Angola Diamond	¾-⅞	− ⅛
18/6	Con. D. S. W. A.	17/0-18/0	−0/9
11⅛	De Beers Def.	11⅛-11⅜	− ⅛
11⅛	do. Pref.	11⅛-11⅛	− ⅛
3	Jagersfontein	2⅞-3	
⅛	N. Vaal River	⅛-⅛	
7⅛	Premier Pf. (5/-)	7-7¼	

AUSTRALIAN.

1⅛	Amal. Zinc	1⅛-1¼*	
12/1½	Associated	10/3-10/9	
1⅛	Brit. Australian	1⅛-1⅛	
28/6	Broken Hill Prop.	1 1/16-1⅛	
2⅛	B. Hill Sth. (New)	2-2⅛	
⅛	B. Hill, Block 10	⅛-⅛	
1⅛	Electro Zinc Pref.	1⅛-1⅛	
⅛	Ivanhoe	⅛-⅛	
15/6	Lake View (10/-)	15/0-16/0	
3⅛	North Broken Hill	2⅞-3	
14/3	Sulphide Ord.	⅛-⅛	
14/0	Zinc Ord. (10/-)	13/0-14/0	
2⅛	do. Pref.	2⅛-2⅛	

WEST AFRICAN.

⅛	Akim	⅛-⅜	
8/6	Ashanti Gold (4/-)	7/3-7/9	
9/9	Fanti Cons. (8/-)	9/0-9/6	
16/6	Gold Coast Amal.	15/9-16/3	
4/3	Taquah Explor.	3/9-4/3	

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M.U. Dec. 10.			
15/6	Anglo-Con. (10/-)	14/6-15/0	−0/3
3⅛	Aramayo Francke	3⅛-3⅞	− ⅛
6/9	East Pool (5/-)	6/3-6/9	
1⅛	Gopeng	1⅛-1⅛	
16/0	Ipoh	16/6-17/6	
1⅛	Kramat Pulai	1⅛-1⅛	
2	Malayan T.D.	1⅛-1⅛	+ 1/16
14/3	Mongu	12/6-14/0	−0/3
17/3	Naraguta	16/0-17/0	
2/3	Nigerian Tin (5/-)	1/9-2/3	
10/3	Pahang (5/-)	9/6-10/6	
⅛	Rambutan	⅛-1	
1⅛	Renong	1⅛-1⅛	
11 4½	Ropp (4/-Shares)	10/3-10/9	−0/3
2⅛	Siamese	2⅛-2⅛	− 1/16
6/3	South Bukeru	5/6-6/6	
1⅛	Tronoh	1⅛-1⅛	− 1/16

COPPER.

17/6	Arizona (5/-)	1⅛-1⅛	
⅛	Mount Elliott (£5)	⅛-⅛	
⅛	Mount Morgan	⅛-⅛	
21/0	Mount Lyell	1-1⅛	
1⅛	Namaqua	1⅛-1⅛	− ⅛
10/3	New Guinea	10/0-11/0	
31⅛	Rio Tinto (£5)	30⅛-30⅞	− ⅛
13/0	S. American (2/-)	12/0-12/6	

MISCELLANEOUS.

15/0	Brit. Platinum	14/0-15/0	
8/3	Burma Corp.	8/6-8/9	
2/3	Chemical and Met.	2/0-3/0	
4/9	Colombian Mining	4/0-4/6+1½	
—	Colombian Props	19/6-20/6	
4⅛	Corderoy Synd.	4/0-4/6	
1⅛	Huronian Belt	1⅛-1⅛	
7/3	Keeley Silver	6/9-7/3	
9/3	Kirkland Lake	8/6-9/6	
5⅛	Mexico Mines	4⅛-5	− ⅛
4⅛	Minerals Separ't'n	5⅛-6	
13/6	Min.Corp.of Can	12/6-13/0	+0/3
11/0	Mysore (10/-)	10/3-11/3	
2/0	Nat.Min. (10/-pd.)	2/9-3/3	
1⅛	New Chuquitambo	⅛-1⅛	
1⅛	Nundydroog	8/9-9/9	
12/3	Ooregum	12/6-13/6	
13/0	Oroville	12/6-13/6	+0/3
18/6	St.JohnDelRey	17/6-18/6	
22 0	San Francisco (10/-)	21/6-22/0	+0/3
8/3	Santa Gertrudis	7/9-8/3	
—	S. Amer G. Areas	1⅛-1⅛	
1⅛	Waihi Gold	1⅛-1⅛	

*Ex Dividend. †Ex. Rights.

BUSINESS DONE.

Anglo-American Corp.—24/1½, 4½d., 9d., ½d., 3/9, 4/4½. Brakpan—68/9, 70/-, 69/-, *7/6, 8/1½, 9/4½. British South Africa (Chartered)—12/6, 5½d., 6d., 7½d., 4½d., *7½d. Cam and Motor—47/9½, 8/1½, 9d., 5½d. Central Mining—9½, ⅛, ⅛, ¼. City Deep—60/3½, 7½d., 59/8½, 4½d., 60/-, 58/9, 59/4½. Consol. Diamond Mines of S.W. Africa—17/9, 6d., 3d. Consol. Gold Fields—18/9, *18/-, 19/1½, 18/6. Consol. Main Reef—9/5½. Consol. Mines Selection—13/-, 6d., 9d., 10½d., 5d. Corderoy—4/3, 4½d., 3d. Crown Mines—58/10½, 7/6, 8/5½, 1½d., 9/0½, 9/4½, 8/9. Durban Rood. Deep—17/-. East Rand Prop.—5/4½, 9d., 10½d., 6d. Eileen Alannah—4/10½, 5/9, 4/10½. Geduld—63/1½, 5½d., 2/6, 3/3, 2/9½, *1/10½. Government Areas—6¼, 6, ⅛, 5¾. Johannesburg Invest.—30/1½, 6d., 5½d., 30/-, 4½d., 3d. Langlaagte—23/-, 2/9, 3/-, 2/11½, 6d., 3/1½, 2/6. Modderfontein B (5/- shares)—27/6, 9½d., 2½d., 6/10½. Modderfontein Deep (5/- shares)—45/6, 7½d., 5/-, 4/4½. Modderfontein East—7/9, 10½d. Mount Lyell—20/10½. New Kleinfontein—5/3. New Modderfontein—82/6. New State Areas—31/10½, 3d., 10½d. Nourse—13/-, 3d. Rand Mines—59/-, 4½d., 8½d., 9/3, 8/9, 7/2½, 8/5½, *9/9, 9/6. Randfontein Estates—*18/4½, 9d., 7½d., 19/-, 18/10½, 8½d., 3d. Robinson Deep A—36/3. Robinson Deep B—24/9, 10½d., 3d., 4/-, 6d., 4½d., 1½d., 9d., 4/-. Rose Deep—14/-, 3d. Russo-Asiatic—6/9, 10½d., 7½d., 10½d. Selukwe Gold—9/1½, 3d., 4½d., 9d., 5½d., 6½d., 6d., 7½d. Springs—52/6, 3/9, 2/-, 1/10½, 3/1½, 2/2½, 2/9, 50/11½, 1/10½. Tanganyika—16/-. Union Corporation—29/-, 6d., 1½d., 3d., 4½d. Van Ryn—18/9, 19/1½, 18/10½, 19/-, 3½d. Van Ryn Deep—67/6, 9½d., 8½d. Village Deep—13/-, 12/6, *11/3, 12/11½, 3d., 3½d. West Springs—23/4½, 3d., 6d., 7½d., 6d., 2/10½, 3/3. Zinc Corp.—13/4½, 3d., 3½d.

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Consols—55⅛, ⅛, 5, ⅛, ⅛, 7/16, 15/16, 4⅞, 5 1/16. 3½ p.c. War Loan—95½, ⅝, ⅝, ⅝, 6. 4½ p.c. War Loan—96½, ⅜, ½, ¼, ¼, 7⅛, 6⅞, ¼, ⅛, ½. 5 p.c. War Loan—99⅛, 7/16, 7/16, ⅛, ⅛, 7/16, 11/16, 11/16, 7/16, 15/16. 4 p.c. War Loan—100⅛, ⅛, ¼, ⅛, ⅛. Funding Loan—86⅝, ½, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 7/16, 11/16. Victory Bonds—91, 90⅞, ⅞, 1⅛, ⅞, 15/16, ⅛, 90 11/16. Conversion Loan—75, ⅛, 1/16, 15/16, 4 15/16, 5⅛, ⅛, 1/16, ⅛, ⅛, 4, ⅛, 5 11/16, ⅛, 11/16. India 4½ p.c.—85½, ⅛, ⅛, 5, ⅛, 1/16, ⅛. Australia 6 p.c. Stock—104⅝, 5, 4⅞, ½; do. 5 p.c. Stock—100, 99⅞, 100⅛, 99⅛, 11/16, ⅛. South Africa 6 p.c.—103½. Aerated Bread (x.d.)—25/6, 4/10½. African and Eastern—28/7, 6d., 3d., 7/10½, 9d., 6d. Agwi Petroleum—12/6, 13/-, 1½d. Amalgamated Cotton—8/9, 7½d. Anglo-Dutch Rubber—33/7½, 3/-, 6d., 3d., 10½d., 9d. Anglo-Ecuadorian Oil—29/4½. Anglo-Persian Oil—43/9, 5½d., 4/4½, 2/9, 3/4½, 2/6; do. 8 p.c. Pref.—21/3, 4½d., 1½d. Armstrong—15/7½, 3/6, 15/9, 6d. Assoc. Cement—18/9, 7½d., 10½d., 19/-, 18/6, 7½d. Assoc. Newspapers Def.—98/9, 7/6, 5/-, 6/3, 7/6, 6/3. Baldwins Ord.—16/3, 15/10½, 16/-, 4½d., 1½d., 6d. Barclays Bank "A"—7¾; do. "B"—52/3, 2/-, 1½d., 1/6, 9d., 7½d., 2/3. Bovril Def.—27/9, 6/9. Brazilian Traction—45½, ⅜, 4¾, 5½, 5. British-American Tobacco—102/7½, 4½d., 9d., 3/4½, 2/6, 3d., 3/4½, *1/9, 3/6. British-Controlled Oil—4/10½, 11½d., 5/1½, 5/-; do. Pref.—5/10½, 6/-, 2½d., 5/11½, 6/-. British Oil and Cake—25/3, 6d. British Overseas Bank—5 1/16. Brunner Mond—35/6, 3d., 9d., 5/-. B.S.A.—9/6, 4½d. Buenos Ayres Central 2nd Debs.—70⅝. Buenos Ayres Great Southern—79, ½, 8½, 9, ⅛, 8½, ⅛, 9½, 8⅞. Buenos Ayres Western Ord.—70, ⅛, 1, 70½, ⅛, *69⅞, 71, 70, ½. Buenos Ayres Pacific—71½, 70, ½. Burmah Oil—80/-, 79/4½. Calico Printers—29/9. Canadian Pacific—166⅛, 7, 6, *⅛, 7½, *⅛, ⅛, ⅜, 7, ⅛, ⅛. Central Argentine Cons.—65⅛, 5, ⅛, ⅛, 6, 5, ⅛. Coats—61/-, 60/3, 10½d., 9d., 6d. Cook (St. Paul's) Ord.—19/3. Cory (Wm.)—44/4½. Courtaulds—58/-, 3d., 6d., 1½d., 8/-, 10½d., 9/-, 3d., 8/6, 3d. Crosse and Blackwell—2/7½, 6d. Crosse and Winkworth Pref.—10/4½, 9d. Cunard Ord.—18/6, 3d., 7½d., *17/9, 18/7½; do. Debs.—103. Daily Mail Trust Debs.—98½, ⅛, ¾, 8, 7 15/16, 8, ⅛, ½; do. £30 Paid—79½, ⅛, 8⅛, 9, ⅛, 8⅞, 9, ⅛. Dunlop Ord.—7/3, 1½d., 4½d., *7/-, 1½d.; do. Debs.—105½, 6. Edison Swan—4/7½, 9d. Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pref. (x.d.)—19/1½, 4½d. English Sewing Cotton—49/6, 50/-. Fine Cotton Spinners—45/9, 6/-. Forestal Land—21/9, 2/-, *1/6, 2/-. General Electric Ord.—20/3, 1½d., 19/10½, 6d., 3d., 7½d., 20/-, 19/9; do. Debs.—103, 2½, ⅞. Great Western Rail.—107⅛, ½, 6⅞, *⅛, 7½, ⅛, *6⅛, 7⅞, ⅛; do. 5 p.c. Pref.—99, ⅛, 8, ⅛, 7½, 8½. Guinness Ord.—370, 2. Harrod's Ord.—32/9, 2/-, 3d., 7½d., 6d. Highlands Rubber—31/6. Hudson's Bay Ord. (x.d.)—5 11/16, £5 9/6, 5½. Imperial Tobacco—67/3, 4d., ½d., 6d., 7/-, 8/-, 7/4½, 6d., *6/9, 8/3, *7/-, 7½d., 6/11½, 8/7½, 6d., 6/10½, 7/6; do. Canada—24/3, 9d., 10½d., 7½d., 3d., 5/-, 4/9, 5/10½, 4/7½. Jute Industries—5/3, 9d. Kassala Cotton—15/7½. Kern River Oil—14/3½. Lever 7 p.c. Pref.—*20/10½, 1/3, 1/-, 1½d., 4½d.; do. 8 p.c. Pref.—21/-, 20/9, 1/-, 20/10½; do. 7 p.c. Debs.—105½, 5. Linggi Rubber—30/-, 29/-. Lipton Ord.—27/6, 4½d., 6/10½. Lister Ord.—25/9. Lloyds Bank—58/6, 4½d., 9/-, 8/-, 3d., 7/9. Lobitos Oil—6 11/32, 5/16, ⅛, 9/32. London Joint City Bank—8½, ⅛, 7/32, 7/16. London, Midland, and Scottish Ord.—101⅞, ⅛, 2, ⅛, ⅛, *1⅛, 2½, ⅛, *1⅞, ⅜, 1⅝, 2½, ⅜, *⅛. London and North-Eastern Pref. Ord.—84½, ⅛, ⅛, ½, *4, ⅛, *⅛, ⅛, 5, 4½, 7/16; do. Def. Ord.—31½, 1, *⅛, *⅛, ⅛, ⅛. Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.—90/-, 89/4, ½d., 8/6, 9d.; do. 7 p.c. Pref.—25/3, 4/10½, 9d., 5/-. Malayalam Rubber—26/-, 6d., 3d., 9d., 7½d. Marconi Ord. (x.d.)—39/9, 8/5½, 40/-, 39/3, 4½d., 9/-, 6d., *4½d., 9d.; do. Debs.—105½, 5, 4½; do. Marine—5/-. Maypole Def.—5/10½, 6/1½, 6/-, 5/11½. Metropolitan Rail.—70 5/16, ⅛, ¾, 70, 69⅞, ⅞, 71. Metropolitan District—54, 3, ⅛, ⅛, 3, 4⅛. Mexican Eagle Ord.—19/3, 4½d., 1½d., 6d., 9d., 1½d.; do. 7 p.c. Pref.—13/-, 1½d., 3d., 12/10½, 13/-. Mond Nickel—36/-. Nat. Prov. Bank (£4)—10⅞, 11/16, ⅛, 11/16, £10 16/9, 10⅞. Nestle 8 p.c. Pref.—21/7½, 9d., 4½d., 6d. Niger 8 p.c. Pref.—14/9. Nobel Indus.—20/6, 3d., 7½d., 1½d.; do. Pref.—20/4½. Parent Ord.—14/-, 1½d. Peruvian Corp. Pref.—25½, ½, ⅜, *5. Phoenix Oil—15/-, 1½d., 4½d., 14/9, 15/3, 1½d. Platt Bros. Ord.—30/3, 6d., 9d., 30/-, 6d. Radio Corp. Com.—18/-, 6d.; do. Pref.—17/6. Royal Dutch—33½, 7/16, ⅜, ½, 3, ½, 2 15/16. Royal Mail Steam 6½ p.c. Pref.—105, 7½. Rubber Trust—24/-, 3/10½, 3d., 9d., 4½d., 6d. Shell—74/0¾, 3/5½, 5/3¾, 7½d., 3/5½, 5/-. Southern Rail. Pref. Ord.—84½, ⅜, *⅛, ⅛, 3⅞, *4, *⅛; do. Def. Ord.—37⅞, ⅜, ⅛, ⅛, ⅜, 11/16, 7/16; do. Ord. "A"—33½, 4½, *3⅞; do. Ord. "B"—11½, 10⅞. Sudan Plantations—6 1/16, 1/16, 5 11/16. Tankers Pref.—4/11½, 10½d. Turkish Unified—18⅞, ⅜. Underground Elec.—57/6, 60/-, 59/4½, 5/-, 7/6, 8/9, 61/3. Underground Income Bonds—99⅛, ⅛, 100, 99⅞. United Dairies—33/-, 2/7½, 10½d., *3/3, 2/9, 3/-. United of Havana Rail.—79, ½, 8½, ⅛, 9½, 8⅞. United Tobacco—60/-, 3d., 1/1½, 3d., 60/6, 60/-, 1/-. Urox Oil—3/6, 6½d., 7½d., 9d., 6d. Vickers—12/7½, 5½d., 6d., ½d., 9d. V.O.C. Holdings—31/10½, 3d., 2/2½, 6d., *3/1½, 1/9. Westminster Bank—17 5/16, ⅛, 7/16, 11/32, £17 4/-, 17 5/16. Whiteley (Wm.)—55/7½, 4/4½, 5/-, 3d., 4/9.

(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

TRAFFICS.

United Railways of Havana—Week to Dec. 16, increase £12,683. Mersey Railway—£4,301. Central Argentine Railway—Decrease £5,000. Entre Rios Railways—Increase £3,800. Buenos Ayres and Pacific—Decrease £8,000. Argentine North-Eastern Railway—Increase £2,500. Madras Electric Tramways—Fortnight to Dec. 15th—Rs.51,472. Catalinas Warehouses—Nov., £17,750. Egyptian Markets—Week to Dec. 13th—Increase £672. Leopoldina Railway—Week to Dec. 15th, decrease £2,704. Buenos Ayres Western Railway—Net decrease £11,000. Argentina Transandine Railway—Increase £91. Antofagasta and Bolivia Railway—Increase £10,715. Buenos Ayres G.S. Railway—increase £4,000. Central Uruguay—Increase £1,684; ditto Eastern—Increase £1,377; ditto Northern—Decrease £629; ditto Western—Increase £409. Underground Electric Railways Common Fund Companies—Decrease £1,240. London and Suburban Traction Group—Decrease £4,941.

IRISH TRAFFICS.

Dublin and South-Eastern Railway.—Week ended 14th December, 1923:—Passengers, parcels, mails, etc., £5,363; corresponding week, 1922, £4,712—inc. £651. Merchandise and live stock, £4,071; corresponding week, 1922, £3,522—inc. £549. Total for week, £9,434; corresponding week, 1922, £8,234—inc. £1,200. Aggregate of 50 weeks to date, £483,672; corresponding period, 1922, £479,124—inc. £4,548. Adjusted figures.

INDUSTRIALS STEADIER.

BUSINESS RESTRICTED.

A steadier appearance was noticeable in the Miscellaneous and Industrial markets yesterday, but, with the festive season so close, business remained on a very restricted scale and was mainly confined to specialities. Tobaccos attracted a certain amount of attention, especially Imperials, which finished higher on balance. The excellent dividend announcement of the United South Co. did not have any effect on the shares, though there were buyers about at the close. Textiles were undecided, movements being of trifling extent. In the Stores list Harrod's B.A. issues met with a little support on the announcement concerning the arrears of Pref. interest, but Whiteleys gave way. Several Iron and Steel issues came into demand at the lower levels and slight improvements took place. Shipping securities continued to dwindle, P.O. Def. giving way. Electrics remained dull. Cables were undecided. Insurances were inclined to harden, though movements in the Banking section generally proved adverse to holders.

Breweries exhibited weakness. Among Caterers J. Lyons further receded. Land shares showed a harder tendency and Newspaper shares kept up. Support was forthcoming for British Portland Cements, which finished 1s. 3d. better at 26s. 3d. Associated held their ground at 18s. 6d., while the Prefs. strengthened to 17s. 1½d. Lever 7 p.c. Prefs. lost the turn at 21s., and the 8 p.c. Prefs. shed 3d. to 20s. 10½d. African and Easterns kept steady at 28s. and Oil Cakes at 25s. 6d. Dunlops A Prefs. dropped 6d. to 14s. 6d. and Harrisons and Crosfields 1/16 to 1¼. Newspaper descriptions kept up. "Daily Mirrors" rose ⅛ to 5 and "Daily Mail" Debs. changed hands at up to ½ discount. Dulness characterised the Wireless group; Marconis receded to 1 15/16 and Canadas showed weakness at 5s., or 9d. lower on balance.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

IRISH CIVIL SERVICE PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY.—5 per cent. per annum and a bonus of 2/6 per share, together equal to 15/- a share, both free of income tax; £1,505 for depreciation of mortgage securities, and £693 forward. The dividend and bonus a year ago were the same.

BRITISH DOMINIONS STEAMSHIP.—Report for year to July 31st last states that there was a loss of trading, and balance loss carried forward is £4,204.

C. AND E. MORTON.—Dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the Cum. Part. Pref. Shares for the half-year ending 31st December.

CLAUD HAMILTON.—Dividend of 2½ per cent. for year.

COLUMBIA GRAMOPHONE CO.—Interim dividend of 5 p.c., less tax.

DE BEERS CONSOLIDATED MINES.—Interim dividend of 20 per cent. to Pref. shareholders, less tax.

HUGGINS AND CO.—Final dividend on Ord. of 1/6 per share, making 10 per cent. for year, and a bonus of 1/- per share, both less tax.

IONIAN BANK.—Final dividend of 3/- per share, with a bonus of 1/- per share, both free of tax, making, with interim dividend, 7 per cent. for the year ended August 31st last.

LENDU RUBBER CO.—Interim dividend of 3 per cent., less tax, for the season ending March 31st, 1924.

NEWCASTLE BREWERIES.—Final dividend of 6d per share on Ord., making 5 per cent. for year.

NEW KLEINFONTEIN.—Interim dividend of 2½ p.c., 6d. per share.

OILFIELDS FINANCE.—Accounts for year to June 30th last show a loss of £2,958. As result of tax adjustment, balance at debit of profit and loss is slightly less than a year ago. During the year the corporation's large holding in Rumanian Consol. Oil Fields has been exchanged for fully-paid shares in Phoenix Oil Co. Corporation's extensive interests in Russia are still subject to nationalisation decree of Soviet Government, and it is regretted no progress can yet be reported in negotiations for their release.

OURO PRETO GOLD MINES OF BRAZIL.—Interim dividend for the year ending 31st December, 1923, on both Ord. and Pref. Shares of 5 per cent., equal to 1/- per share, less tax.

RAND MINES.—Interim dividend of 60 per cent. (3/- per 5/- share) less British tax, free of Union Government dividend tax for the period ending 31st December, 1923 (same as in June last).

SCOTTISH HERITABLE TRUST.—Final dividend of 6¼ per cent., actual, less tax, on Ord., making 10 per cent. for year; also proportionate dividend, less tax, on Def. Shares for half-year to November 30th last.

SECOND INDUSTRIAL TRUST.—Following interim dividends declared on the Cum. Pref. Shares at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum, less tax, and on the Ord. Shares at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, less tax, for the half-year to the 15th December.

STANDARD TEA OF CEYLON.—Second interim dividend of 10 p.c. actual, free of tax.

UNITED TOBACCO COMPANY'S SOUTH.—Final dividend of 5 per cent., and bonus of 1/- on issued Ord. Shares and Def.-Ord. Shares, free of South African tax, leaving £200,309 to be carried forward. Net profit for year ended 30th September, 1923, £598,946. Board also declared for year 1923-24 interim dividend of 2½ per cent. on issued Ord. Shares and Def.-Ord. Shares, free of South African tax.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BANK.—Dividend of 1/9 per share, free of dividend duty.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN LOWER.

The market for TIN took a downward turn on sellers being more in evidence, but moderate absorption resulted, with prices on balance 30/- per ton lower for cash and 35/- distant against the close of Tuesday. Cash quoted £232 15/- to £233, three months £224 12/6 to £234 15/-, settlement price £233 15/-. Sales 550 tons; cash sold £235 5/- to £233 5/-, early Jan. £235 10/- to £233 5/-, and £233 10/-, three months £236 10/- to £234 10/-. COPPER—Market opened steadily, but became weaker later, though business progressed with freedom. On balance rates were 7/6 down for cash and 5/- distant; cash quoted £62 to £62 2/6, three months at £62 17/6 to £63, settlement price £62 2/6. Sales 1,700 tons; cash sold £62 7/6 to £62, late Jan. £62 19/6 to £62 10/-, three months £63 3/9 to £62 17/6; electrolytic £67 15/- to £68 5/. LEAD—Market firm, with liberal buying orders in force. Sales 1,350 tons; Dec. sold £30 15/- to £30 10/-, and again at £30 15/-. Jan. £30 10/-, March £29 10/- to £29 12/6, April £29 10/- to £29 5/- and £29 10/. SPELTER firmer, with a good demand. Sales 1,300 tons; Dec. sold £32 17/6, Jan. £32 15/- to £32 17/6, Feb. £33, March £32 17/6 to £32 18/9 per ton. TINPLATES firm, unaltered.

One thousand pounds has been granted by the Legislative Council of Jamaica to the local Exhibition Committee to provide for an annexe to the Jamaica Court at the Empire Exhibition.

Paris Municipal Council has voted 21 million francs (£265,000) to be applied to the demolition of houses considered to be unhealthy and the erection of new buildings conforming to modern ideas of hygiene.

THE MONEY MARKET.

LOANS SCARCER.

EXCHANGES NERVOUS.

It would seem that the customary preparations for Christmas are already beginning to increase the demand for money from the country. Over and above this, the Revenue returns indicate considerable deflation, while withdrawals were being made as usual for balance sheet purposes. The effect was a slightly lessened plethora of loanable credit, and very cheap money was not offering at all so freely. Night loans were 2 to 2½ p.c., fixtures 2¼, and accommodation into January 3¼. Very little business was going on in discounts, and a steady tone prevailed. Commonly fine three months' Bank bills were quoted 3 7/16-3½, with some special transactions rather cheaper. The new Treasuries were 3¼ p.c., and, owing to lack of demand on the part of the banks, short-dated paper was nominally higher, more particularly Januarys.

Bank Rate (unaltered; changed July 5, 1923, 4%).				
60 days (fine)	3 7/16			
3 months	3½ 3¼	Trade	4	4½%
4 months	3⅜ 3¼	"	4¼	4½%
6 months	3½ 3¼	"	4½	5%
Loans to brokers day-to-day			2	1¾%
for a week			2½	2¾%
Deposit allowance: Banks at call			2	%
Discount houses, at call			2	%
at notice			2¼	%

Gold remained unchanged at 94s. 4d. per oz. Silver fell 1/16d. per oz. for spot and 1/16d. for forward delivery to 33⅜d. and 32 15/16d. respectively.

There was no appreciable improvement yesterday in the condition of the market for foreign exchange, which was idle and rather nervous. Sterling kept fairly firm on New York at 4.37⅜-4.37⅛ dollars, while francs were offered, with Paris 83.80-83.90, and Belgium 95.50-95.60. Polish marks continued a conspicuously weak spot at 23-27 millions, Germany being unchanged at 18-20 billions. Hollands steady at 11.46½-11.47, and Italy at 100⅝-100⅞. Brazilian milreis slipped back a little to 5⅛-5 5/16, Argentine dollars remaining at 39⅝-39⅞. The following are closing quotations:—

—	December 19.		December 18.		Normal Rate.
Alexandria	97⅛		97⅛		97½d
Amsterdam	11.46⅛	11.47	11.46⅛	11.47	12.10
B. Ayres	39⅞	39⅞	39⅞	40	47.58
Barcelona	33.45	33.47	33.48	33.50	25.22
Berlin	19 billions		19 billions		20.40
Bombay	1/4⅞	1/5	1/5	1/5⅛	2/0
Brussels	95.50	95.60	95.30	95.40	25.22½
Calcutta	1/4⅞	1/5	1/5	1/5⅛	2/0
Christiania	29.23	29.28	29.24	29.29	18.15
Copenhagen	24.45	24.47	24.50	24.52	18.15
Czecho-Slov	149	149⅛	149⅛	149⅛	—
Finland	177	177⅛	176⅛	177⅛	25.22½
Greece	253	263	258	268	25.22½
Hong Kong	2/3⅞	2/4⅛	2/3⅞	2/4⅛	—
Hungary	82,000	88,000	80,000	96,000	—
Italy	100⅛	100⅞	100⅛	100⅞	25.22½
Lisbon	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞	53½d.
Madrid	33.44	33.46	33.46	33.48	25.22½
Mexico	26½d		26½d		24½d.
Montreal	4.48⅛	4.49	4.48	4.48⅛	4.86
Montevideo	42⅛	43	42⅛	43⅛	51d.
New York	4.36⅞	4.37⅛	4.37⅛	4.37⅛	4.86
Paris	83.80	83.90	83.50	83.60	25.22
Poland	25,000,000		24,000,000		—
RiodeJan.	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	16d.
Roumania	840	860	850	865	—
Shanghai	3/3⅞	3/4⅛	3/4⅛	3/5⅛	—
Singapore	2/4⅛		2/4⅛		2/4⅛
Stockholm	16.60	16.62	16.61	16.63	18.15
Switzerland	25.07	25.09	25.08	25.10	25.22
Valparaiso	40.90		40.70		13.33
Vienna	308,000	313,000	308,000	313,000	—
Yokohama	2/1⅛	2/1⅛	2/1⅛	2/1⅛	54.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Because it cannot be generally known, and as a partial explanation of some of the selling on the Stock Exchange during the last few days, it may be stated (says the *Evening Standard*) that the holdings of one or two rich men recently deceased have been in course of realisation. Coming at a time when demand is slack—it usually is at this time of year—the sales have drawn heavily upon the financial resources of dealers who, in other circumstances, might have been willing to give more support to their respective markets. The stock so realised has been of a sound investment character, and the forced disposal probably explains a good deal of the apparent weakness of securities which usually can stand up against any surrounding depression.

Bank and Insurance shares have been amongst the securities sold, and some of these are looking very attractive if the investor can rid himself of the political nightmare. Midland Bank partly-paid shares, for instance, have dropped to 8½, representing a yield of £5 9/- per cent. on the basis of last year's dividend, which was 18 per cent., and likely to be again. The fall is the more striking because the fully-paid shares, which receive the same rate of dividend, have depreciated to a much smaller extent, and at current price represent a yield of barely 5 per cent. Admitted that the liability on the former cannot be ignored, it is yet so very nominal as to demand a closer approximation of the two values.

It is contended that the Anglo-American Oil Co. is reaping considerable benefits from the depression in the oil industry of the United States. The low selling prices in California enables it to land petrol on this side, including freight, at, according to calculation, 4½d. per gallon. Allowing fractions of a penny for distribution, etc., charges, this represents a good margin of profit on the selling price of 1/4 a gallon. Therefore, it is supposed that the company is doing well, and that the dividend outlook is correspondingly brighter. The shares stand at 3⅛, representing a yield of 4½ per cent., free of tax, so that they are not very low-priced. They interest New York at times.

Baldwin's Ordinary Shares have gone back about 1/6 to 16/-, following the absence of a dividend recommendation in the report, although net profits are higher at £200,902, against £86,993, after allowing £70,000, against £60,000, for depreciation. The substantial sum of £424,140, against £309,178, is carried forward, equivalent to more than 10 per cent. of the £4,154,155 Ordinary Share capital. The last Ordinary dividend was 5 per cent., paid in respect of the year ended June, 1922. The largest assets item in the balance sheet is £4,250,443 for investments in subsidiary and other companies. Stocks stand at £1,323,049. The reserve position is particularly strong, liquid and floating assets, including holdings in the subsidiaries mentioned, showing a surplus of some 6¼ millions over liabilities. Purely on their break-up value the Ordinary Shares are thus worth considerably more than their present figure.

DUBLIN WORKING BOYS' HOME, HARDING TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

The monthly meeting of the Governors of the Dublin Working Boys' Home was held at the Home on Tuesday, 18th inst., Sir Ernest G[illegible], K.C., in the chair. There were also present:—Rev. W. J. McCreery B.D.; Rev. R. [illegible]; Rev. J. Carson, Thomas Stanford, Esq.; A. C. Wolseley, Esq.; James Wheatley, Esq.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and signed. The number of boys in residence was reported to be 78.

Cheques in discharge of accounts, amounting to £224 3/3, were passed, and after transacting the usual routine business the meeting closed.

The Governors gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:—

£10—George A. Rotheram, Esq. £3—Richard Collins, Esq. £2 2/- each—Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Nicholson, R. E. Odlum, Esq. £2 each—William Robertson, Esq.; Lady Wright, Jocylyn H. W. Thomas, Esq.; Mrs. Cowper, R. W. Smith, Esq., jun.; A. McFarland, Esq.; Messrs. Eastman and Co., Ltd.; Lt.-Colonel E. Tottenham, D.L.; W. Brown, Esq.; Miss M Gamble, Messrs. Pim Bros, Miss Archdale.

£1 10/—R. A. Synge, Esq.

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A deputation from the Brighton Corporation which waited on the Southern Railway to ask for the electrification of the Brighton line was told that there was no hope for this until all the suburban lines had been electrified, and that, even when the Brighton line came to be electrified, the present 60 minutes service could not be improved upon.

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

CATTLE.

GLASGOW, Wednesday.—Market still closed. Both homefed and Irish for slaughter in small supply. Scotch extremely dear, especially best classes. Irish cattle slow of sale and difficult to cash. All classes of young sheep in fair demand at late rates, but supplies lighter. Ewes slightly cheaper.

EDINBURGH, Wednesday.—Owing to modification of foot-and-mouth disease Order there were small supplies to-day of cattle and cows, but no sheep. Polled bullocks sold to £23 10/-, stirks to £19, Cumberland cows to £47.

WAKEFIELD, Wednesday.—The market has again reopened under control, but no animals were offered. Butchers have made their purchases elsewhere. It is felt that the market is useless so long as the restrictions with regard to foot-and-mouth disease continue.

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC, Wednesday.—WHEAT—Cargoes of Manitoba experienced rather more inquiry, while held for 3d. to 6d. per qr. advance, but other descriptions remain quiet at about late rates; No. 1 Northern Manitoba January-February quoted 44/-, March 44/3, No. 2 do. January 43/6, Pacific January 46/-, Australian January-February 45/3, Rosafe 63½lbs. January-February 43/-, Barusso do. 42/-, Black Sea on sample December-January 44/6. Parcels quiet, but fully steady for Canadian qualities; No. 1 Northern Manitoba December sold 43/10½ net, December-January quoted 43/9, January-February 43/6, Australian January-February 44/6, Rosafe 63½lbs. do. 42/-, Black Sea December-January 44/6 per 480lbs. MAIZE—Cargoes steady but inactive; Plate steamers afloat sellers 38/3, loading 39/3; Gal.-Fox. afloat 38/-, No. 6 yellow African do. 38/-. Parcels slow; Plate November-December sellers 38/1½, December-January 38/-, April-May 32/9, May-June 33/6, Gal.-Fox. December-January 37/9, No. 2 mixed American do. 37/9 per 480lbs. BARLEY firm but quiet for cargoes; Dan.-Bess.-Kus December-January sellers 32/3, Persian February 28/6 per 400lbs. Parcels quiet, unaltered. OATS—Plate steady, but Canadian dull; Plate f.a.q. afloat sellers 20/7½, Jan.-Feb. 20/3, No. 2 Canadian Western December-January 24/-, No. 2 feed do. 21/6, Danubian afloat 20/3 f.a.q., December 21/6 per 320lbs.

MARK LANE, Wednesday.—The mid-weekly market was thinly attended, and only a limited trade passed, with prices showing no material alteration on balance. WHEAT—English quiet, and suitable milling grades quoted at 9/4 to 9/3, with inferior at 8/- to 8/6 per 112lbs. free on rail. Imported fully steady; No. 1 Northern Manitoba arrived quoted 47/3, afloat 47/-, No. 2 do. 46/-, No. 3 do. 44/3 all ex ship; No. 2 mixed Durum arrived 45/6 all per 496lbs. FLOUR in moderate demand at late rates. London standard straight run quoted at 37/6, patents 39/6 to 40/6. Town Households 35/6 per sack delivered in. All English country straights 30/6 to 31/6 per sack delivered to London stations. Imported quiet; Manitoba patents from 36/- to 39/-, and Australian 32/6 to 33/6 per 280lbs. ex store. MILLERS' OFFALS steady with a moderate demand. Broad bran quoted at 7/6, ordinary do. 6/9 to 7/-, middlings 8/3, fine do. 9/9, bags included, ex mill; light oats 6/3, powdered oat husks 6/9, feed oatmeal 9/3, ground oats 13/3 free on rail all per cwt. BARLEY—English firm, and malting kinds range from 10/ to 14/6, with feeders at 9/3 to 9/6 per 112lbs. free on rail. Imported dull; Californian 42/- to 46/-, Chilian Chevalier 50/- to 53/- per 448lbs. landed. Persian 28/3, Danubian 30/3 No. 4 Canadian 30/- all ex ship per 400lbs. MAIZE steady, but quiet; Plate ex ship 38/9, do. landed 40/-, Gal.-Fox. 38/3, Bessarabian 39/3 both ex ship all per 480lbs. OATS generally quiet; English ranges from 9/- to 10/4 per 112lbs. free on rail as to sample. Of imported, Plate ex ship 21/6, landed 22/6, No. 2 Canadian Western ex ship 25/-, landed 26/-, No. 3 do. ex ship 24/-, landed 25/-, No. 2 Canadian feed landed 24/- all per 320lbs. OATMEAL steady; London-made flaked, also rolled oats, 17/6, medium and fine cut 17/-, coarse and medium pinhead 17/-, ordinary Scottish oatmeal 17/6 to 18/6, and American 16/6 to 17/- per cwt.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.—This market will be closed from one o'clock on Monday, December 24, till Thursday morning, December 27. WHEAT—American markets finished about as expected, and forward deliveries of wheat here showed no change at the outset. Then prices receded slightly, but later improved, and finished the turn dearer than last night, current months exceptionally showing a fair gain on shorts covering. C.i.f. parcels No. 1 Manitoba December resold at 43/6, January-February 43/-, and Rosario-Santa Fe January-February 41/6 per qr. C.i.f. parcels MAIZE not traded in, but held at late prices. Wheat on the spot ruled steady at yesterday's market currencies. Maize—Spot parcels quietly steady at 8/0½ to 8/1 for River Plate, 8/1 to 8/1½ yellow South African, 8/1½ white African, and 8/- to 8/0½ per cental Galatz-Foxanian. FLOUR quiet at late rates. Graded wheat futures opened unchanged, then gave way ½d. per cental for distant months, which afterwards recovered, and showed ½d. advance on last night; at the finish December delivery closed ⅛d. dearer. Maize options nominally ½d. to ¼d. per cental lower.

GLASGOW, Wednesday.—Wheat steady, but demand slow. No. 1 Manitoba 44/. Maize—Spot lots very firm owing to scarcity. Afloat parcels quoted as formerly. Oats—Values unchanged, but not much demand. Barley continues strong, with near lots in good request. Flour quotations show no change, but business very slow.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.—BACON—Irish and Danish bacon continues firm, and in fair request at late rates; Canadian Wiltshires firmer, and prices raised to 73/- to 76/- per cwt. The market for American bacon here is somewhat irregular, Chicago cables being generally unfavourable; while large arrivals are entered at this port. Long clears are reduced to 71/- to 74/-, and backs 70/- to 76/-, but bellies are raised to 67/- to 74/-, and Cumberlands of all averages 61/- to 65/- per cwt., with trade generally quiet. HAMS also quiet, and long cut easier at 89/- 95/-, while extra skinned are now on offer at 102/- to 105/- per cwt. Shoulders dull and easier at 61/- to 64/- for squares, and 58/ to 62/ picnics. LARD on the spot remains scarce, but prices have given way 6d. per cwt; prime steam now at 77/- to 77/6, and American refined 79/- to 80/6 per cwt., but demand of only a moderate character. CHEESE still quiet, but no quotable change in values reported. BUTTER more freely offered at lower prices, with buyers operating cautiously. Danish reduced to 218/- to 220/-, New Zealand 212/- to 214/-, Canadian 206/- to 208/- per 112lbs. EGGS steadier at 28/- to 31/- for Irish hen, and 11/3 to 11/6 per 120 Egyptian.

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REFINED LARD FUTURES.—LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.—The decline in Chicago had been fully discounted here, and, with sellers more reserved and a fair inquiry, prices improved 3d. to 9d. per cwt. during the early session. Sales covered January at 73/3, 73/9 and 73/6, February 71/6, May 70/- to 70/6, with December quoted 78/- to 18/6, March 72/- sellers, and cash ex quay 78/- to 79/- per cwt. Afternoon cables were irregular, but this market closed 6d. to 1/- per cwt. dearer on the day. Sales—January 73/9, May 70/6, December quoted 78/- to *8/6, February and March 72/6 sellers.

DUBLIN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE, Wednesday.—Market was principally composed of York cabbage and Swede turnips, which sold at following prices:—York cabbage 11/-, 22/- and 39/- per load; Swede turnips 1/8 to 1/10 per cwt. Some apples made 10/- to 15/- per barrel.

CORK BUTTER, Wednesday.—The tone of the market has undergone no noteworthy change. Creameries 228/- per cwt., choicest salted 220/- upwards, and farmers' fresh deliveries 163/-.

DUBLIN WHOLESALE FISH, Wednesday.—A fair market for fish, principally comprising 8 chests lobsters, 200 packages herrings, and mixed consignments from the usual country and local sources. Everything cleared around following rates:—Large lobsters 17/6 to 25/-, seconds 10/- to 15/-, and smalls 5/- to 7/6 per lot of 13; large soles 25/- to 35/-, mediums 15/- to 17/6, and slips 2/6 to 5/- per 9 pairs; turbot 6d to 20/- each; brill 6d. to 2/- each; large plaice 6/- to 8/- per 4, mediums 5/- to 8/- per 8. Box fish:—Plaice 15/- to 50/-, cod fish 35/- to 50/-, ray 15/- to 20/- per half box; herrings 27/6 to 40/- per box.

GRIMSBY FISH, Wednesday.—Light supply; demand fair. Plaice 13/-, lemon soles 20/-, halibut 13/- to 18/-, cod 6/- to 7/-, skate 6/- to 8/-, small haddocks 4/-, kit 5/6, gibbed 7/-, dabs 10/-, codlings 5/-, and whitings 3/6 per stone. Soles 1/2 and turbot and brill 1/1 per lb.

PRODUCE.

LONDON, Wednesday.—SUGAR—Tate's and Lyle's cubes 63/6 to 64/6, granulated 60/7½ to 61/1½, as to quality; yellow crystals 56/1½, white Java spot 57/6, Czecho granulated spot 58/- to 58/6, ditto December sold 29/9 and January-March 29/3 f.o.b. Hamburg. Dutch sugars for shipment mainly nominal while above parity; Brazilian basis 96 p.c. January quoted 27/6, ditto 80 p.c. 21/6, Cuban March 25/- c.f. and i. terms U.K. White terminal market dearer with good support accorded; December sold 30/3 to 30/6, March 28/7½ to 29/-, May 28/4½ to 28/9, August 27/10½ to 28/- per cwt. COFFEE—Spot market strong with only limited quantities suitable to home trade requirements on offer. COCOA—Market steady; 300 bags Trinidad sold 49/-, 500 bags Accra 32/-, Accra F/F quality January-March sold 27/-, February-April 27/3 to 27/6 per cwt. f.o.b. TEA—Indian sales embraced some 22,000 packages, and with a good demand for the better qualities a steady tone prevailed, but inferior disclosed irregularity; Pekoe sold 1/4 to 1/6¼, broken ditto 1/4½ to 1/8, orange 1/5 to 2/5, broken orange 1/5½ to 2/4, Pekoe Souchong 1/4 to 1/4½ per lb. RICE firmly held, but there is not much response from buyers; two stars spot 16/6, afloat 15/6. Japanese peas spot 25/6 per cwt. SPICE—Pepper steady with moderate inquiries; black Singapore January-March 4½d., Lampong 4 9-16d., Muntok January-March 7d., February-April 7½d., March-May 7½d. Zanzibar cloves quiet; November-January quoted 1/3½, January-March 1/4½ per lb. TAPIOCA generally unaltered. Sago flour November-January sold 16/1½, January-March 15/6 per cwt. Desiccated coconut quiet, unaltered. JUTE in better demand and market higher; first grade December-January Continent sold £26, January-February £26 2/6 to £26 7/6, February-March £27 5/- per ton. HEMP—Manila firm with shippers reserved in their offers; J grade January-March sold £34 10/- net, K quoted £28 to £27 and M £24 10/- per ton. SHELLAC steady, quiet; T.N. spot 305/-, March 287/6 per cwt. COPRA—With buyers and sellers somewhat reserved a steady, quiet tone characterised this market; F.M.S. Straits October-December Rotterdam quoted £29 17/6, November-January £29 10/-, January-March £29, Dutch East Indies November-December £29 12/6, Java December-January £29 15/-, Ceylon ditto £31 10/-, South Sea £28 15/-, Cebu £29. PALM KERNELS steady; January-March Liverpool quoted £20 5/- per ton.

RUBBER—Business was of moderate dimensions and a steady tone prevailed; standard plantation crepe and sheet spot and December sold 1/2¼, 1/2¼ and 1/2¼, January 1/2¼, February-March 1/2¼, April-June 1/2¼ buyers. To New York, standard estate sheet January buyers, February buyers 1/2¼ per lb. c.i.f. and i. Market quiet but steady at recent rates for wild descriptions. EGG PRODUCTS—There is no feature to note in this market, general trade being carried on quietly at previous level of prices. OILS—Linseed quiet and easier; spot 43/-, January-April sold 38/10½, May-August 35/10½. Rape firmer; crude spot 44/-, refined 47/-. Cotton firm; crude Egyptian spot 42/-, Bombay 41/-. Soya firm; Oriental barrels December-January 42/-, bulk 38/3. Chinawood firmer; Hankow spot barrels 94/-, December-January 96/6. Turpentine dull; American spot 72/-, January-April 73/- per cwt. Petroleum and rosin unaltered. OILSEEDS—Linseed market quiet and prices tend in buyers' favour, particularly for new crop Plate, which is more freely offered; Calcutta December sellers £22 15/-, December-January £22 2/6, April-May £19 10/-, Plate December-January £17 17/6, January-February and April-May £17 5/-. Rapeseed quietly steady; Toria, also real bold Ferozepore December-January sellers £19, Jamba £14 15/-. Cottonseed quiet, but late rates were maintained; Egyptian black ex Hull December quoted £13 5/-, white £12 5/-, Bombay January-February £10 2/6, February-March £10 per ton. TALLOW—In auction 1,030 casks Australasian offered, and with a good demand 980 casks sold at late rates to 1/- per cwt. advance, best mixed and/or beef being in chief request. Mutton, fair to fine 42/- to 48/9, beef ditto 40/- to 46/9, mixed fair to good 40/- to 44/-, gut 39/- to 38/3 per cwt.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR, Wednesday.—There is no new feature to report in this market. A fair business doing at steady prices, but the near approach of the holidays is keeping back buyers.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LEICESTER WOOL, Wednesday.—Wool and yarns are both firm, but there is not much change from last week. In the hosiery trade there has been a last-minute rush for Christmas specialities, but although the number of orders is large, the size of each individual demand is small, and the complaint is rife that manufacturers are nowadays practically in a retail trade. The shipping is fair, and the demand for ordinary underwear is moderately good.

LIVERPOOL COTTON (Closing), Wednesday.—American market is dull. Brazilian quotations reduced 17 points. East Indian unchanged. Egyptian in retail request. Dec. 19.87d.; Jan. 19.88d.; Feb. 19.84d.; March, 19.85d.; April, 19.77d.; May, 19.74d. Sales, 3,000; imports, 27,288 bales. Market firm.

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COUNTY OF MEATH.

IMPORTANT LETTING OF 180 ACRES OF FATTENING LAND, IN 9 DIVISIONS, AT

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Goods of THE REVEREND GEORGE HENRY VAUGHAN, late of 43 Wellington place, Clyde road, in the County of Dublin, M.A. (Cantab.), Clerk in Holy Orders, Deceased.

Take Notice that, pursuant to the 22nd and 23rd Vict., cap. 35, all persons claiming as creditors or otherwise to have any claim or demand against the assets of the said Rev. George Henry Vaughan, deceased, who died on the 21st day of June, 1923, are hereby required, on or before the 18th day of January, 1924, to furnish (in writing) the particulars of such claims or demands to Mrs. Evelyn Vaughan, of 43 Wellington place, Clyde road, in the County of Dublin; or to Aluned L. D. Long, of the Bank of England, Western Branch, Burlington Gardens, London, W.1, the Executors of the Deceased, and to whom Probate of the Will of said Deceased has been granted in the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice (Probate) in Saorstat Eireann; or to the undersigned respectively, Solicitor for the said Executors, and in default thereof the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Testator, having regard only to the claims of which notice and particulars shall have been given as above required.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1923.

WILLIAM FINDLATER and CO., Solicitors for the said Executors, Chambers No. 53 Dame street, Dublin.

Notice of Sitting for Proof of Debts.—21.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE. KING'S BENCH DIVISION—IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the Matter of HERBERY W. HOEY, trading as Murphy's Caterers and Confectioners, 78 Upper George's street, Kingstown, in the County of Dublin, a Bankrupt.

A Public Sitting in this Matter will be held before the Chief Registrar, at the Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin, on Monday, the 21st day of January, 1924, at the hour of Eleven o'clock, forenoon, for the Proof and Admission of Debts and the vouching of the Official Assignee's account.

A creditor may prove his debt at the Sitting, or send his affidavit of debt in the prescribed form, or his detailed account to the under-named Official Assignee, four days previously to the Sitting, in order to have the same admitted.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1923.

W. F. COOPER, Senior Assistant.

A. G. HOLLINSHEAD, Official Assignee, Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin.

WILLIAM V. BEDDALL, Solicitor for the Assignees, 6 Westmoreland street, Dublin.

NOTE:—Owing to the destruction of papers in the burning of the Four Courts, all Proofs of Debt and Records of Claims sent to the Official Assignee before May 1922, have been destroyed, and, therefore, a creditor who sent in a claim before that date must send in a duplicate, otherwise the Court can have no knowledge of his demand.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE. CHANCERY DIVISION—LAND JUDGES. LAND REGISTRY.

Central Office—CHANCERY STREET, DUBLIN.

In the Matter of the LOCAL REGISTRATION OF TITLE (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

And of the Application of CHARLES JAMES DUNN, of Kilnamanagh House, Clondalkin, in the County of Dublin, an Owner of Land.

Application No. 11557 V.

This is to give Notice to all whom it may concern, that the above-named Owner has lodged an Application to be registered as limited Owner of an estate, held under a fee-farm grant made the 20th of December, 1875, under the Renewable Leasehold Conversion Act, by the Earl of Strafford, to John Early and Others, in the undermentioned lands, that is to say:—

Part of the lands of Oldcourt, containing 82a. 0r. 14p., or thereabouts, Statute measure, situate in the Barony of Uppercross and County of Dublin.

And of an estate held under a grant in perpetuity, made the 19th of October, 1840, by Nicholas Tyndel, to Peter Magrath, under the Acts, to alter and amend the laws relating to the temporalities of the Church of Ireland in lieu of a lease in the undermentioned lands, that is to say:—

The lands of Ballycullen, containing 112a. 0r. 36p., or thereabouts, Statute measure, situate in the said Barony and County, both of which said lands are delineated on the maps thereof deposited in the said Office.

The said Charles James Dunn applies to have the registration of his title to the said lands made, subject only to such burdens as are set out in the Application, and to such of the burdens mentioned in Section 47 of the said Act, as may affect the said lands.

The Application and the maps may be inspected in the Central Office.

And this is further to give Notice, that after the expiration of one calendar month from the date of the publication of this Notice the registration will be proceeded with, unless in the meantime cause is shown to the contrary.

All persons objecting to such registration are hereby required to file their objections, in writing, duly verified, in the Central Office.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1923.

M. BARRINGTON, Chief Examiner of Titles.

DOBBYN and McCOY, Solicitors for the said Applicant, Charles James Dunn, 65 Lower Gardiner street, Dublin.

LEGAL NOTICES

SAORSTAT EIREANN.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE. CHANCERY DIVISION—LAND JUDGES. GENERAL NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS.

In the Matter of the Estate of BRIDGET CAHILL, Widow; LOUIS CAHILL, ANGELA CAHILL, Spinster, a person of unsound mind, not so found by BRIDGET CAHILL, her guardian, ad litem; EMILY CAHILL, Widow, and EDWARD CAHILL, or some or one of them, Owners or Owner;

THE REVEREND TOBIAS (CANON) WALSH and EMILY CAHILL, Widow, Petitioners.

The Court having ordered a Sale of the Lands of The Castle, Town and Lands of Cuffestown, alias Tullahane, and that part of the Lands of Lisloone, bordering and adjoining upon Dangan Woods, and the Field or Park commonly called Coolong, containing over 1,000 acres, plantation measure, or thereabouts, now known on the Ordnance Survey as the Townlands of Rylands, Aghanderry, Acrarce, Grove, Aghinraheen, Coolapoge, Knockavalley, Cappafanlish, Kylcandancan, Coolnabrone and Moanavaddra, all situate in the Barony of Shillelogher and County of Kilkenny, and held under Fee Farm Grant dated 22nd day of December, 1856, under the Renewable Leasehold Conversion Act, all parties objecting to the Sale of the said Lands are hereby required to take notice of such Order; and all persons having claims thereon may file such claims, duly verified, with the Clerk of the Records.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1923.

CYRIL H. DICKENSON, Examiner.

O'KEEFFE and LYNCH, Solicitors for Petitioners, having Carriage of such Sale, 30 Molesworth street, Dublin.

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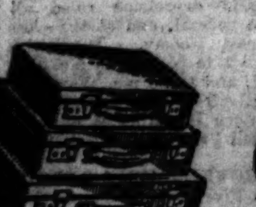

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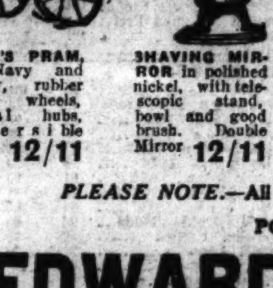

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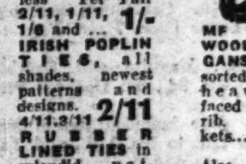

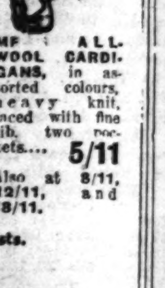

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BIRTH[S]

PEEBLES—December 19, ... Independent Office, to Mr. ... daughter.

MARRIA[GES]

O'RIORDAN and HOW[ARD] ... 1923, at St. Mary's Cathedra[l] ... Rev. J. Byrne, John, eldest ... and Margaret O'Riordan, B... Nora, eldest daughter of the ... Howard, B.A., and Mrs. Ho... Ross.

DEATH[S]

ANNOUNCEMENTS re... insertion in this column ... Page 4.

BURKE—December 19, 19... N.C.R., Dublin, Very Rev. Jo... P.P., aged 82 R.I.P. Req... Mass at the Church of the H... st., this (Friday) morning, 21... Grace the Archbishop will ... Glasnevin. No flowers.

EGAN—December 20, 19... Camden Row, Dublin, after a... end being perfect peace, Will... of Eleanor Egan, aged 28 ye... cleft for me." Funeral from... (Saturday), 10 a.m., to Mount...

FitzGERALD—December 19... illness, Caroline, aged 21 ... daughter of Chris. and Carrie ... Villa, Wentworth place. Dee... sorrowing parents, friends, an... to Mount Jerome at 11 o'clock... morning.

HARRIS—November 19, 19... Diana Elizabeth Porter, the... child of Captain F. Harris, ... Mrs. Harris, aged two years a...

HARTNETT—December 19, ... House, Rathdrum, Co. Wick... infant son of Mrs. and Mr. H... aged 1 year and 6 months. ... yesterday (Thursday) to Glend...

JUDGE—December 19, 1... Hospital, Dominick W. Judge,... tce., Clontarf. Deeply regrett... (private) from the Church of ... Clontarf, this (Friday) mor... Kilbarrack. No flowers, Mass...

KANE—December 19, 1923... the Dying, Michael Kane (la... Box and Co., in his 92nd ye... private. American papers plea...

KEAPPOCK—December 19, ... Keappock. R.I.P. Funeral fro... (Saturday) morning, 10 o'clock...

KENNEDY—December 20, ... dence, Highfield, Howth, W... beloved husband of Elizabeth ... arrangements later.

McAULEY—December 20, 1... for the Dying, Margaret McAu... Peter McAuley, North Quay, ... mourned by her family R.I.P... (Saturday), 22nd, at 2 p.m., f... Church (St. Peter's), Drogheda...

MOORE—December 20, 192... Carrig-na-Chattan, Sandycove,... eldest son of the late J. Gibson... of Nancy Moore. Funeral le... a.m. to-morrow (Saturday) for ... flowers.

MOORE—December 18, 19... Arklow, Mary Anne Moore, age... peace. Funeral to-day (Friday... fere, Gorey. No flowers.

TAYLOR—December 13, ... suddenly, Charles Irwin Taylo... to Glasnevin Cemetery to-morr... ing after 9 o'clock Mass at Wh...

WILKINSON—December 18, ... Sarah, eldest and last survivi... late Richard and Joyce Wilkin... Tipperary, and for many yea... Soldiers' Home, Newenham st.,... "His rest shall be glorious," I...

WILKINSON—December 18, ... House, Bandon, Rev. John... Funeral private.

IMPORTANT.—As announc[ements for this] column, if posted on Satur[day, will not reach] this office in time for Mon[day, they] should be sent by telegram...

ACKNOWLEDG[MENTS]

Mr. J. F. Rowe and Mrs. ... Dalkey, desire to return thank[s] ... remembered them in their rece[nt] ... and regret they are unable to ... each message of sympathy.

IN MEM[ORIAM]

DU CROS—In devoted and ... Harvey Du Cros, J.P., Foun[der] ... Pneumatic Tyre Industry, wh... dence, Inniscorrig, Dalkey, Co... 21, 1918.

GATER—In loving memory ... Amy Isabel Gater, who passed... 1921. "With Christ, which is...

GIBSON—In loving memory ... Eileen, died 21st December, 1... thoughts."—Connie and Ida.

GIBSON—In ever-loving me... passed Home December 21st, ... since and lost awhile."—Eileen...

HOGAN—Seventh Anniversar[y] ... of Paul Hogan, 2 Suffolk s... Grosvenor rd., Rathmines, 21... R.I.P.

JOHNSTON—In ever-loving ... Johnston, Portarlington, who ... December, 1919.—E Johnston.

WOLFE—In ever-loving m... husband, George Wolfe, called ... 1909, and our darling Flor... 1918. "Till He come"

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Are ... of ... an... A... "mo... Chris... abroa... All yo... half-ye... the na... journa... quarte... inform... Irelan... your ... for ho... whom... The Irish S... THE IR...